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# OIC calls to bolster industrial growth

By Ahmad Shaaban

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 17 — A round table ministerial conference on industrial cooperation among member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) was completed here Wednesday with a declaration calling for Islamic collective self-reliance.

Ministers attending the four-day conference discussed, among other things, the steps for the implementation of the industrial part of a plan of action adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah/Taif in January 1981 to strengthen economic cooperation among OIC members.

Conferees reviewed the investment potential of member states and possible joint ventures among Islamic countries in industry. Special emphasis was placed on agro-based industries, capital goods and engineering industries.

Round table members also discussed the promotion of financial cooperation among OIC states in the industry. In particular they discussed cooperation in training and technological research and the exchange of information and technical know-how among member states in industry.

Industry ministers of Islamic countries agreed on the necessity to expedite the implementation of their industrialization programs to achieve food security. They also said that joint industrial and engineering ventures among Islamic countries should be encouraged.

The conferees called for an industrial development strategy among Islamic states for the optimum use of their potential. They decided to establish a follow-up committee of the Makkah/Taif plan of action. The ministers also decided to hold a ministerial level meeting on inter-Islamic industrial cooperation every two years. Turkey offered to host the next meeting in Istanbul in 1984.

The fifth meeting of governors of central banks and monetary authorities of Islamic countries will also be held in Istanbul, May 22-23 of this year. The governors will examine in depth the modalities and mechanisms for the enhancement of the flow of financial resources among Islamic countries. They will also discuss the strengthening of the existing payments arrangements.

Makkah's plan of action recommended the development of appropriate policies and programs at the national levels conducive to rapid industrialization, as an indispensable element and a dynamic instrument of self-sustained growth by strengthening, expanding and diversifying the industrial capacities of the OIC member states.

The plan called for the conclusion of bilateral and/or multilateral agreements of industrial cooperation among member states for augmenting their industrial production and achieving industrial integration. Moreover, it called for the adoption of economies of scale with a view to strengthening the manufacturing capacities and accelerating industrialization in the member states to help them reach collective self-reliance.

Member states were advised to consider giving priority to promotion of joint ventures among them in the fields of food and agriculture; industry; trade; marketing; research; and services and infrastructure.

In their final declaration in Makkah/Taif, Islamic heads of state and government urged OIC members to allocate \$3 billion for the consolidation of development programs at home, in response to an appeal made by King Khalid. Soon afterward, Saudi Arabia contributed \$1 billion to the plan.

A consultative committee on the promotion of joint ventures was held by the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah last September 18-20 and, taking into consideration the national policies and economic priorities of member states, recommended joint ventures in shipbuilding, transportation vehicles and spare parts. It also suggested that OIC states set up joint projects in engineering goods, construction material, chemicals, fertilizers, petrochemicals, electronics, textiles, and the manufacture of medicines and medical equipment.

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## Sequel to Weinberger's remarks Reagan backs Israel's military might

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel's military superiority in the Middle East in an attempt to clarify his administration's position on possible arms sales to Jordan.

His statement was intended to clear the air over suggestions by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger that Jordan might obtain advanced U.S. arms.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli officials were "satisfied" by the reassuring statements made in Washington by Reagan and a Pentagon spokesman about American-Israeli relations, a ranking official said Wednesday.

A ruling Likud parliamentarian close to

Premier Menachem Begin — but who refused to be named — said, "These statements are all fine, but..." He was echoing feelings expressed by Moshe Arens, the Israeli ambassador in Washington, who said that "the United States plan of missile and F-16 fighter plane sales to Jordan... must not be considered as an isolated case with a reassuring, satisfactory outcome."

Meanwhile, in Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said Reagan's promise to ensure Israel's military superiority in the Middle East will encourage the Zionist state to carry out new raids against Arab states. It said the U.S. leader's assurance, contained in a letter to Begin, showed that

reports of disagreements at the White House over Middle East policy had been only a "noisy propaganda show."

Hints that Weinberger favored selling advanced weapons to Arab states had thus been no more than a ruse to gain their support and trust, Tass said. In reality, U.S. Middle East policy had not changed at all. By voicing support for Israel at a time when it was being condemned by the rest of the world for annexing Syria's Golan Heights, Reagan had endorsed Israeli aggression against Arab states, the agency said.

"It can be assessed only as encouragement to the Israeli military to carry out new bandit sorties against Arabs", it added.

"Syria, for its part, is in conflict with Jordan. Damascus supports the Khomeini regime. Long experience has taught us, however, that whenever war is thrust upon us all our enemies join forces in carrying out their aggression. Thus, during the Eight Day War, Saudi Arabian forces, as well as those of Jordan and Morocco fought against Israel on the Golan Heights."

"In speaking therefore, of our northern and eastern fronts our concern, Mr. president, is not victory. It is casualties. And I do not have to explain what, in this generation of the holocaust, casualties mean to us. I am, therefore, bound to ask, can there be justice or justification in enabling our enemies to shed our blood en masse?"

"Forgive me, Mr. President, my candor was out of this concern that we in parliament yesterday joined hands, supporters of the administration of the DKQ and its opponents alike, because all of us are deeply perturbed. If those sophisticated weapons are supplied to Jordan, just as similar ones have already been provided to Saudi Arabia what will become of the qualitative and quantitative edge you were so kind to promise me to maintain so that Israel might deter aggression and prevent war, which is what all of us so deeply wish."

"I can only repeat the appeal I made to you yesterday from the Knesset: let it not happen. I speak, perhaps, of one of the gravest potential dangers we have faced ever since the renewal of our independence."

"I have no option but to share with you on behalf of the people of Israel — as demonstratively attested to you in our understanding and friendship, Mr. president, that the danger of which I write will not come into being."

"Yours respectfully sincerely  
Menachem Begin

public record are also clear. There has been no change regarding our military supply relationship with Jordan, and Secretary Weinberger brought me no new request. Any decision on future sales to Jordan or any other country in the region will be made in the context of my administration's firm commitment to Israel's security and the need to bring peace to the region.

Israel remains America's friend and ally. However, I believe it is in the interest of both our countries for the United States to enhance its influence with other states in the region. I recognize the unique bond between the United States and Israel and the serious responsibilities which this bond imposes on us both.

Sincerely,  
Ron

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Recent press reports have presented incorrect and exaggerated commentary regarding U.S. military assistance policies for the Middle East.

I want you to know that America's policy toward Israel has not changed. Our commitments will be kept. I am determined to see that Israel's qualitative technological edge is maintained and am mindful as well of your concerns with respect to quantitative factors and their impact upon Israel's security.

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## Arms tilt spells breach of promise—Israel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Here is the text of Prime Minister Begin's letter to President Reagan:

Dear Mr. President:

"The Knesset yesterday adopted the following resolution. The Knesset:

"1. Expresses its profound concern at the U.S. defense secretary's offer to supply F-16 aircraft and improved ground-to-air I-Hawk missiles, from which the ban on their mobility will be lifted.

"2. Declares that the supply of such sophisticated weaponry to the forward state on the eastern front, of the state's refusing even to negotiate peace with Israel and maintaining a state of war with her, constitutes a grave threat to Israel's security.

"3. Calls on the U.S. government to refrain — in keeping with the president's declarations and the resolution of Congress — from thus gravely imperiling Israel's security."

"Eighty-eight members voted in favor, three Communist members cast their vote against and seven members abstained. I am at it to state that in absolute figures the 88 years actually represent 99. This is a rare case in our free, democratic and rather vociferous parliament of non-partisan consensus and, in fact, a vote of national unity. It demonstrates, as stated in the Knesset resolution, the deep concern of our people and its elected representatives.

"Permit me to say, Mr. president, that I do not understand why it was necessary for the secretary of defense to make his worrying statement and, indeed, his anti-Israeli declarations or, at least, innuendoes, whilst he was visiting Arab countries all of which, but for one are in a state of war with us and are even preparing for war against us. But of course, if Secretary Weinberger sees fit to

make such statements (so negative from our point of view) in such places, it is not unlikely to ask him to refrain from doing so, at least in the future. What is decisive for us is the actual subject matter. Allow me to elaborate.

"Jordan and Iraq are now joined, in fact, by a common command. Jordan is supporting Iraq in the war against Iran, even going so far as to resort to the well-known technique of mobilizing 'volunteers' for the battlefront on the side of the Iraqi forces. Those 'volunteers' are, in truth, trained soldiers. We witness the old Russian practice first adopted during the Spanish Civil War.

"The hostility of Iraq towards Israel is unlimited. And who has the decisive influence in Baghdad? As we know, it is Russia, not the West.

"Moreover, we dare not ignore Saudi Arabia which a week ago declared on its own initiative, that it is a confrontation state against Israel.

Text of Reagan's reply

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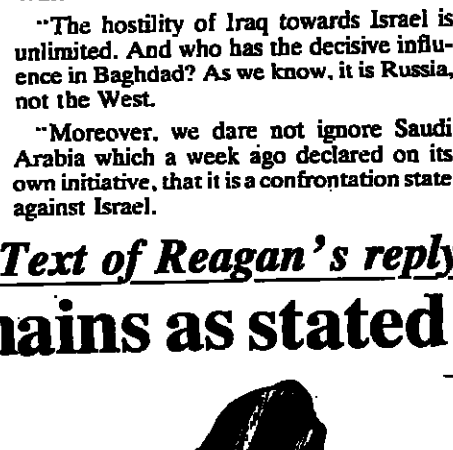
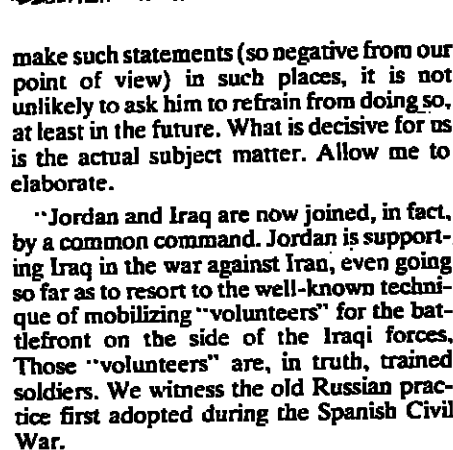
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spread with the largest drops occurring in the production of autos, construction supplies and durable and non-durable goods materials," it said.

Production cutbacks have accelerated in recent months after a long period of sluggish sales left many industries with big stockpiles of unsold goods. And the government reported last week that retail sales fell 1.1 percent further in January, leaving the sales rate barely above the level of one year earlier.

On the other hand, the government also reported last week that U.S. companies' inventory backlogs declined 0.4 percent in December, the first drop since the 1975 recession. And that decline indicated that



## U.S. industrial output drops 3 percent in January

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Production at factories and mines in the United States fell 3 percent in January — the biggest drop since spring 1980 and an indication the recession was still deepening last month, new government figures indicated Wednesday.

The decline in national output was the largest of six monthly drops in a row and left production one percentage point below the lowest point of the 1980 recession, the Federal Reserve Board report said.

The new decline reflected "continued economic weakness as well as sharply curtailed work schedules resulting from the severe January weather," the report said.

"Declines in January were again wide-

## Schmidt faces renewed threat from coalition partner

The financing of this program through a one percent increase in sales tax to 14 percent has been criticized again by the Social Democrats who would prefer an income tax levy to fight unemployment. This aboutturn has infuriated Liberal Party leader Hans-Dietrich Genscher who is also foreign minister. He has warned that the Liberals are at the limit of their desire to compromise, adding that there is no question of finding another form of finance.

But four regional officials of the Social Democrats have replied that the Liberals' demands are the limit for them.

They added: "One must ask whether the Social Democrats should remain in this coalition at any price." On defense policy, things are getting worse for the chancellor. Every week, a regional or local organization of the Social Democrats decides against deployment of new American nuclear missiles on West German territory at the end of 1983 if Euro-missile talks in Geneva between the U.S. and Soviet Union break down.

Schmidt will doubtless manage somehow to obtain a majority at a party congress in Munich at the end of April, but his party problems will continue, observers forecast.

## 3,500 Poles held in massive swoop

WARSAW, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Polish security forces arrested 3,500 people during the past 48 hours in nation-wide raids to check on compliance with martial law, Polish radio said Wednesday.

The radio, monitored in Vienna, said nearly 145,000 people were found to have infringed on martial law regulations. Polish officials at the European security conference in Madrid last week said their most recent figures showed some 4,000 people were then detained.

The Polish government had initially indicated that up to 5,500 people were held following the Dec. 13 imposition of martial law.

In its broadcast Wednesday, Polish radio said thousands of militia forces and voluntary reserves had checked some 51,000 enterprises and factories as well as 30,000 cars during the past 2 days.

The radio said 99,000 people were asked to present their identity cards and given a warning, while another 29,000 were "reminded of their duties."

Some 7,000 people were given fines totaling 2.3 million zlotys (about \$30,000) and 4,000 were referred to "misdemeanour courts."

Police also checked 3,500 known criminal haunts, the radio said, adding that the raids were also aimed against disturbers of general public security.

The radio said the martial law regulations most frequently violated are those covering the curfew.

"More than 52,000 curfew breakers have been indicted so far all over the country," the radio said. "Magistrates courts dealing with misdemeanours of this kind under summary procedures hand down fines of between 1,500 and 5,000 zlotys (about \$20 and \$60) or one month imprisonment."

Sporadic fighting reported

## Syria maintains Hama siege

DAMASCUS, Feb. 17 (AP) — Small-scale fighting was reported in the city of Hama Wednesday as Syrian troops maintained a siege of the Muslim Brotherhood stronghold for the 16th consecutive day, according to informed sources here.

The Syrian sources, who declined to be identified, said Syrian forces around Hama, 175 kms north of Damascus, were largely successful in their crackdown on the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood after 15 days of fierce shelling and street fighting.

The sources said the Syrian troops were now in the process of purging rebels opposed to the ruling Socialist Baathist regime of President Hafez Assad from remaining hideouts in one sector of the city and that the violence which marked the earlier days of the government crackdown had receded and was now reduced to sporadic gunfire and limited hand-to-hand combat.

In London, former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella, chairman of the International Islamic Commission on Human Rights who helped form the match-dog group after being released from 16 years in prison last year, appealed in a letter to the Syrian president for a halt to all repressive measures in Syria. The London-based commission strongly condemned the "increase in acts of blind violence perpetrated indiscriminately by the security forces against the population of the town of Hama in particular and against the population of Syria in general."

The Qatar newspaper *Al Arab* quoted Lebanese sources as saying that Syria has informed Lebanese leaders that the Assad government had no plans to withdraw its peacekeeping forces from Lebanon because of unrest in Hama. Some 22,000 Syrian soldiers have been in Lebanon since November 1976 and have a mandate from the Arab

The official news agency PAF said last Monday that investigations against 2,727 people had been started under summary procedures since Dec. 13.

Of these, 964 cases involved direct violations of martial law, such as organizing strikes, and the others common criminal offences PAF said.

More than 4,000 people, mainly leaders of the suspended Solidarity free trade union and dissident backers of the movement, are known to be already detained in internment camps but have not been charged.

The massive operation by regular and volunteer police units came amid the investigation of a powerful explosion that ripped through a Wrocław workers' hostel, killing a man said to be tinkering with mine explosives. It also came on the heels of weekend demonstrations in Poznan, western Poland, against the Dec. 13 martial law decree, and after the discovery of a bomb-near-Communist offices in Lublin last Saturday.

Poland's government, meanwhile, reported new declines in the economy, saying in a PAP report that production in state enterprises declined 17.5 percent from December to January, putting its level 13.6 percent below last January's. The report said production of radios, furniture, autos, tires, detergents and fish also fell drastically, as did employment. It said jobs fell by 3.2 percent, or 150,000 workers compared to December of 1981.

Fahd receives envoy

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received Dr. Zein Al-Abidin Al-Alawi, Moroccan ambassador to the Kingdom, at the Royal Court here Tuesday night.

League to keep peace.

Diplomatic sources said the intensity of the fighting and shelling in Hama had reduced certain buildings in the city of 250,000 to rubble. Travelers spoke of a shortage of water, electricity, food and medicines as Syrian troops ringed the city allowing no one to leave or enter except in cases of emergency.

Travelers from Hama reaching the capital said families are taking — shelter in basements of apartments to escape shelling and the biting cold. They said Muslim Brotherhood had taken up positions in underground tunnels forcing government troops to resort to intensive shelling of suspected Muslim Brotherhood niches.

Syrian sources claimed the battle started after police, who entered Hama to arrest a number of Muslim Brothers encountered heavy hostile fire summoned the army. Tanks and artillery ringed Hama and pounded neighborhoods where the Brothers were believed to be hiding, these sources said.

The same well-informed sources said a mosque was blown up in Hama, the fifth since the fighting erupted Feb. 2, claiming more than 3,000 casualties among the rebels and around 400 casualties among Syrian troops, according to official estimates. A breakdown of dead and wounded was unavailable.

Travelers and other sources said some of the rebels were wearing army uniforms thus creating confusion and forcing Syrian troops to fire indiscriminately at suspected rebels positions and at each other. The reports gave rise to rumours about a split in army ranks but there was no such defections.

Other informed sources said the campaign was reduced to a cleaning-up operation but that the government was bent on leaving no trace of the opponents in Hama.

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## To boost agricultural cooperation

# Kingdom, Tunisia sign memo of understanding

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Tunisia signed here Wednesday a memorandum of understanding for agricultural cooperation. The memo was signed by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sheikh and visiting Tunisian Farming Minister Al-Asaad ibn Asman. The meeting was the final working session between the two ministers. Asman had held talks with several Saudi Arabian ministers to promote bilateral relations.

The memo of understanding concentrates on both sides' emphasis on cooperation by exchanging experts and information. The Kingdom will provide the results of its irrigation research while Tunisia offers expertise in its artificial irrigation and feeding methods, aimed at preserving the subterranean water level.

The memo also provides for granting scholarships for specialists at the Tunisian Farming Ministry in animal resources, the possibility of recruiting Tunisian qualified personnel for work in Saudi Arabia at the level of assistant technicians, skilled workers and veterinary doctors. The agreement also stresses the need for continuing consultations and reinforcing cooperation.

Asman said after the meeting that establishing a joint fishing company in Tunisia is being studied. The joint company would be set up in the context of the Saudi-Tunisian Investment Company.

He added that a group of Tunisian veterinary doctors will come to work in Saudi Arabia, in addition to a team of assistant technicians in various specializations. The

Tunisian personnel will work under the supervision of Saudi Arabian officials, he said. The two countries will also exchange agricultural products and information in agricultural research.

Speaking about his discussions with Al-Sheikh, Asman said these were complementary to talks held in Tunisia last September during a visit by the Saudi Arabian minister. The Tunisian minister highlighted the Kingdom's agricultural work, saying that the agriculture and water ministry is using the natural resources, including water and land, in a way that will give a strong push to the agricultural progress in the country.

He expressed admiration for the young Saudi Arabian qualified personnel working in agriculture and supervising the existing projects. Asman said that he closely watched the huge projects aimed at developing agriculture and increasing animal resources during his tour.

Al-Sheikh said that talks with his Tunisian counterpart covered all aspects of cooperation and concentrated on fish resources and possible ways of establishing a joint fishing company. Saudi Arabia will provide Tunisian experts with scholarships to study in some universities, especially in colleges specializing in agriculture, like the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Training Center in the Kingdom.

The Tunisian minister arrived in Jeddah from Riyadh late. He was received by Abdul Aziz Nassir, director general of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation in the Western Region, and Tunisian embassy staff.



Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Sheikh

## Eastern Province projects streamlined

DAMMAM, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Eastern Province branch of the Ministry of Public Works is supervising projects under implementation totaling SR77.46 million.

The projects provide for temporary asphalt in Dammam, Qatif, Safwa, Alkhobar and Neairiah; fencing of graveyards in Abqeq, Neairiah, Anak and other villages; construction of seven lavatories in Alkhobar and the construction of buildings to house government departments in Rahima, Khafji and Hafir-Al-Baten. Recently, the branch handed over projects totaling SR4.45 million. These include a new building for the Social Education College in Ahssa; a telephone exchange for Dammam's Passport Department and the renovation of the Quality Control Laboratory in Dammam and the headquarters of the Red Crescent in Qatif.

In another development, Jafar rural com-

## Security chief to attend graduation

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Public Security Chief Gen. Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Saturday will honor several groups of graduates from the Officers' Institute. A ceremony will be held to fete the graduation of the first course of discipline observance, the second preparatory course for university graduate officers and the first preparatory course for Civil Defense air pilots.

The first and second courses had begun, Dec. 22. The first class grouped 30 cadets from the various police zones who were taught security, policy discipline and Islamic studies. The second batch also grouped 30 offi-

cers, all graduates of universities in the Kingdom and the United States. There also were taught Islam as a subject besides their regular training. Posts were then allocated by the Interior Ministry to the graduates.

The third training course was for Civil Defense pilots and was enrolled by 13 pilots and officers from the Special Security Forces.

They will be joined by Civil Defense pilots specialized in helicopters. The latter work in the Eastern, Western and Central regions.

They are members of the helicopter fire brigades.

## Sri Lankan aide calls on Sattam, other officials

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam received Muhammad Hanifa Muhammad, Sri Lankan minister of communications and religious affairs, at his office here Wednesday.

During the meeting, attended by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations and various aspects of cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier, Hanifa Muhammad was received separately by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab, in the presence of Abdullah Bogas, undersecretary for pilgrimage affairs. They exchanged views on a number of subjects of common interest, besides discussing possible ways of boosting cooperation between the two countries.

At noon, the Sri Lankan official was welcomed by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Abdullah ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling (Fatwa), Islamic Call (D'awa) and guidance. Talks centered on the condition of Muslims in Sri Lanka and the needs of Islamic activity in that country.

The talks were attended by Abdullah Bogas; Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Saleh Al-Sheikh, deputy president; and Sheikh Muhammad ibn Ibrahim ibn Q'ud, managing director of Islamic activity abroad.

Hanifa Muhammad, who arrived here Tuesday, returned to Jeddah Wednesday, in the context of his present visit to Saudi Arabia. He was seen off at Riyadh airport by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, and other officials.

## BRIEFS

MARRAKESH (SPA) — Habib Charti, secretary general of the 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference, left here for Jeddah Wednesday after talks with King Hassan on matters of interest to the Islamic world. King Hassan is the chairman of the OIC's Jerusalem Committee.

BEIRUT (SPA) — Lebanese Premier and Interior Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan Tuesday met with the Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires Abdul Rahman Rafai. Following the meeting, Rafai said they discussed issues of mutual concern. He welcomed the forthcoming visit of Wazzan to the Kingdom to attend Arab interior ministers' meeting scheduled in Riyadh early next week.

QATIF (SPA) — Qatif Welfare Society for social services has just completed its winter relief program that benefited 150 needy families who received a total of SR30,000. The society was given SR1,050,000 by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs this year. Most of the fund was spent on welfare projects, which included a program for the improvement of the lodgings of needy families in Qatif, apart from cash grants. Within the coming few days, Modar Welfare

Society in Qatif will start building a SR7,000,000 clinic. It will cover a 1,500 sq. meter area.

MANAMA (SPA) — Bahrain's Education Minister Dr. Ali Muhammad Fakhro conferred here Tuesday with the Saudi Arabian delegation participating in the second Bahraini-Saudi Friendship Week. He discussed with the delegation members the various aspects of cooperation between the two sisterly countries, especially in the fields of youth and sports.

JEDDAH — New products from General Corporation of Japan were introduced to Saudi Arabian market Monday. At a convention, organized by Ismail Haroon Dehlawi, the main dealer of General products in the Kingdom, a group of nine Japanese firms explained the new features of latest models of refrigeration and air-conditioner to a select audience. Takashi Shiwozawa, managing director of the corporation, told Arab News that the new products are being introduced in the Middle East for the first time. "They are ideal for hot climate and are available at competitive prices," he said. The group has earlier visited Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:52	3:23	3:09	3:33	4:01
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:21	6:19	5:50	5:35	6:00	6:27
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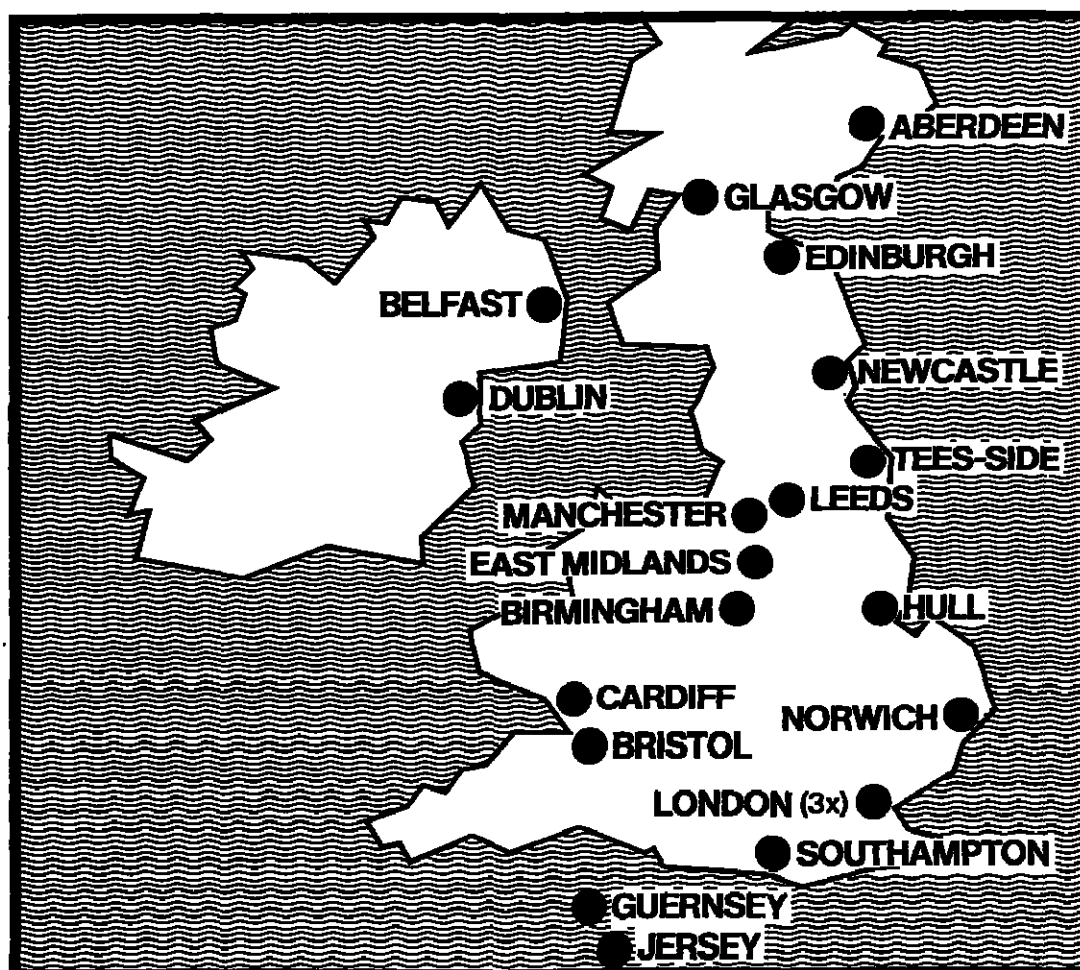
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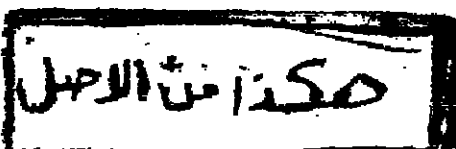
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## Faisal gives royal notes to Al-Nahyan

ABU DHABI, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare and chairman of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, conveyed two messages from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, here Wednesday.

Prince Faisal, who is also chairman of the Arab Athletic Games Federation, was received by the UAE leader in the presence of Saeed Salman, UAE's minister of education and youth.

The prince arrived here early Wednesday and was met at the airport by the education and youth minister. He said after arrival that Saudi Arabia will place all its potential for the success of the Gulf tournament which will be organized at the Zayed sports city. "The success of this tournament will be considered a success for all," he added.

Prince Faisal said further that his visit provided him an opportunity to discuss with the UAE officials all matters concerning sports and youth activities.

Earlier Tuesday, the prince was received in Kuwait by Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, ruler of Kuwait, and met with Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdul-lah.

## Alkhorbar motor exhibit to open

By Kay Campbell  
Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Feb. 17 — Al Gosaibi Metropolitan Hotel of Alkhorbar will host its third annual week-long motor show starting Saturday. Over 100 automobiles will be exhibited at the show, including the formula one, Saudi sponsored, prize winning racing car. The show, sponsored by local auto dealers, will feature the new 1982 models. Nearly all models sold in the eastern province, from the latest Jaguar to Toyota, will be on display.

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## Dr. Algosaibi inspects Jubail industrial plants

JUBAIL, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi Wednesday visited the Jubail industrial city to inspect work being carried out on industrial projects there.

Algosaibi, who is chairman of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), also visited the sites for the Saudi Iron and Steel Company (Hadeed), the Saudi methanol Company and the Jubail Fertilizers Company (Samad), all of which are in advanced stage of implementation.

The three projects are expected to go into production sometime during the first half of 1983.

Hadeed, a joint venture between SABIC and Korf Stahl of West Germany, is constructing a steel complex to produce 850,000 tons of reinforcement bars per year for the consumption of the local construction industry.

## Malaria, bilharzia elimination urged

JIZAN, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The ninth malaria and bilharzia combat conference has stressed the need for striving to find the hidden cells of these epidemics in every part of the country, according to Dr. Hashim Dabbagh, director general of preventive medicine.

The annual conference, which concluded its deliberations here Wednesday, recommended the health guidance units to educate the citizens on the dangers of these epidemics and the effective methods of prevention, and also to convince them on facilitating the task of the health teams by allowing them entry into

The steel complex consists of two midrex direct reduction units, a steel plant with continuous casting facilities and rod and bar rolling mills.

SABIC is a government-owned corporation entrusted with the task of developing, owning and cooperating the basic industries in the Kingdom in the fields of petrochemicals, fertilizers and steel. It has already signed joint venture agreements with Exxon, Dow, Mobil, Shell, Celanese, Texas Eastern, Mitsubishi and the Taiwan Fertilizer Company.

The Saudi Methanol Company's agreement was signed in 1979 with a consortium of Japanese companies, led by Mitsubishi.

SABIC, established in 1976, is responsible for phase I of the Kingdom's industrialization program. So far, about SR35 billion has been put into the basic industries coming up in Jubail and Yanbu.

their homes, Dabbagh said. He added that the conference has prepared a complete plan to combat these diseases, for its submission to Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi, and necessary approval.

Dabbagh said the conference further recommended incentives for workers in these fields and added that the health minister has approved that the recommendation be considered by the competent authorities. The next conference will be held in Madinah in the first quarter of 1983.

## SAPTCO decides to pay dividends

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has decided to begin distributing profits for the last fiscal year as of next Wednesday, Communications Minister Dr. Hussein Mansouri has announced.

He said Tuesday that profits came to SR15 per share and urged people owning shares in the company to call at Riyadh Bank or its branches and present their share certificates to receive payment. Those who do not have certificates yet should first collect their certificates from the nearest SAPTCO office and

then check with the bank, he added.

Mansouri commended the government's support to the company and further encouragement to its development.

## Folk program staged

DAMMAM, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Culture and Arts Society organized a folk dance event Wednesday night at the Industrial Institute hall here. The evening's program included several folk arts, in addition to a play performed by the society's actors.

## 18 vessels arrive at Kingdom's ports

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Eighteen vessels arrived at Saudi Arabia's ports within the past 24 hours, with various types of merchandise and supply goods, according to statistics released Wednesday by the General Ports Authority.

Six vessels arrived at King Abdul Aziz Port here and 24 vessels were discharged. A total of 62,846 tons of goods were unloaded. Fourteen ships are expected to berth soon.

Another nine vessels arrived at Dammam Port and 22 were discharged. A total of 114,433 tons of merchandise was unloaded. Thirteen more vessels are expected to arrive shortly.

At Jizan port, two ships arrived while four others were unloaded. A total of 1,845 tons of goods were unloaded. One ship arrived at Yanbu Port and another one was unloaded. A total of 6,278 tons of goods were discharged.

## Tabuk governor meets Mansouri

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Governor of Tabuk Prince Abdul Majid met with Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri at the latter's office here Wednesday.

The meeting, which was attended by Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum, undersecretary for roads, focused on roads projects now being implemented by the Communications Ministry in Tabuk area, as well as other projects which are to be commissioned within the next few months.

They also discussed the program of agricultural roads in the area and possible ways of reinforcing the area's roads department with necessary equipment and machinery.

## Riyadh, Vienna draw plans for agricultural cooperation

By Habib Rahaman  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Austria's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Guenter Haiden's recent visit to Saudi Arabia has set the ball rolling in the direction of a long-term cooperation in a number of agricultural fields, said Austrian Ambassador Dr. Franz Josef Schmid.

He said a group of farm experts are expected to arrive sometime next month, to identify the areas where cooperation could be possible, and added that an agreement on horse-breeding is under consideration because Austria is well-known in this field, especially in the breeding of Arabian horses. In

this regard, he particularly mentioned a riding school in Vienna where horse breeding takes place. Saudi Arabia is running a horse-breeding center near Riyadh. The other possible areas of cooperation are cattle raising projects, green houses, poultry farms and seeds.

The Austrian minister also visited a number of agricultural projects in Hofuf and cattle farms around Riyadh, besides soil research laboratory and veterinary institutions.

Haiden visited the Kingdom at the invitation of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, who visited Austria last May to inspect the progress made in agricultural fields.

Saudi Arabia has taken a number of steps to improve agricultural output. It has established an agricultural bank with branches all over the Kingdom, to give loans and to finance agricultural projects. A number of Saudi Arabian students have been sent to the United States for further studies in agriculture. Farmers are being encouraged to use modern methods of cultivation and high-yield seeds are supplied at reasonable prices.

Green houses also have sprung up all over the Kingdom for producing larger quantities of vegetables.

Schmid said Austria's import of oil from the Kingdom went up by 112 percent last year. It imported oil worth 5.9 billion Austrian shilling during 1980, while its imports in 1981 shot up to 12.6 billion shilling, registering a 112-percent rise. But the exports to the Kingdom have also increased correspondingly. In 1980, it exported 1.3 billion worth of goods while its exports in 1981 showed 2.6 billion shillings, an increase of 100 percent.

## GCC financial experts end parley

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The government experts committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council finance ministers concluded its meetings at the GCC headquarters here Wednesday.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Guwaiz, GCC assistant secretary general for economic affairs, said the committee has ended discussions which began Tuesday to draft the legal agreement and statute for the Gulf Investment Company.

Finance ministers of GCC member states had decided on the company's establishment during their meeting here last month. Guwaiz said the initial signing of the final draft agreement and the statute will be made during an upcoming meeting of the Financial and Economic Cooperation Committee in June.

The member states of the GCC will be

transformed into one economic bloc within a year and that the member states are making rapid progress toward the achievement of this objective, according to Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail.

The Gulf investment company will be the only one in the Gulf, according to the minister. Investment policies will be standardized giving member states greater power at the international level, and the movement of funds.

Member states of the GCC are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. The council was formed in February of 1981 to coordinate economic, political and social policies and to keep the region out of the struggle between superpowers.

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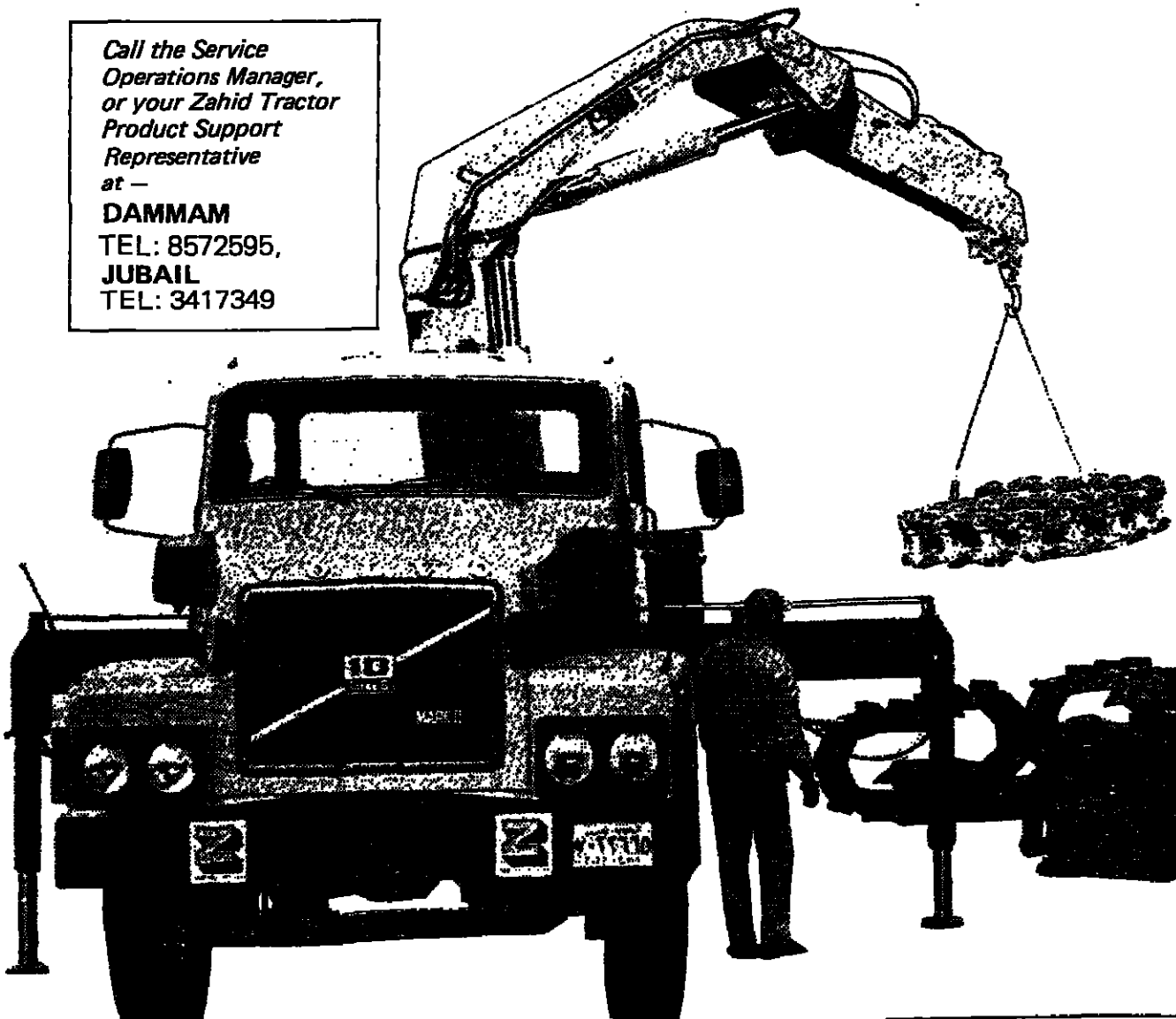
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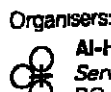
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## Students teargassed, fired on

## Palestinians protest closure of Bir Zeit U

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (AP) — Palestinians staged protests in the occupied West Bank Wednesday, a day after Israeli military authorities ordered a two-month shutdown of the Palestinian Bir Zeit University, the military command said.

Israeli troops used tear gas and fired shots to disperse a group of Palestinian students near the refugee camp of Qalandia who stoned an Israeli military patrol, Israel army radio reported. Two soldiers were injured in the stoning.

A civilian airplane, scheduled to take off at a nearby airport, delayed its departure because of the disturbance. The plane took off after the shots fired in the air stopped.

Students in the West Bank town of Ramallah, eight kms north of Tel Aviv stoned an Israeli government building as shops remained closed. Anti-Israeli slogans were

## Striking Golan workers fired

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (AP) — Several hundred Druze workers in the occupied Golan Heights, on strike since Sunday in protest of the jailing of four community leaders, were fired Tuesday Israeli correspondents there learned.

The four largest towns in the Golan were virtually deserted and all activities were at a standstill Tuesday as the region's 13,000 Druze residents continued a general strike.

The four leaders were jailed last Friday after protesting Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights last Dec. 14 and declaring their attachment with Syria. The striking workers were quoted by Israeli radio as saying: "This retaliatory measure will not make us retreat." The residents were quoted as

## Goukouni offers to quit for unity

NDJAMENA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Embattled Chadian President Goukouni has indicated his willingness to step down if it would help "to restore peace in Chad."

But he told a press conference here Tuesday he opposed a reshuffle in his transitional Government of National Unity (GUNT), composed of leaders of most of Chad's numerous factions, "although all the ministers are suggesting it." Goukouni also refused to say if he would be a candidate in future elections, which he said the government was prepared to organize, though not within the time limit laid down by the recent Organization of African Unity (OAU) conference on Chad in Nairobi.

The conference, whose decisions were rejected by the GUNT, said that a ceasefire between the government and the rebel

found plastered on the walls of a teachers' college in the town, according to the military. Protests were also staged in the neighboring town of El Bireh and Nablus.

Israeli military authorities shut down Bir Zeit University after two Israeli education officials were attacked by students on the campus Monday. One official required hospitalization. The other fired into the air with a pistol to clear the way through the crowd of students.

The university, which resumed classes six weeks ago after a two-month shut down, is a center of Palestinian nationalism in the West Bank. Israeli troops Tuesday arrested 50 students for tussling with the Israeli officials, but later released all but four. Two lecturers were also being questioned for possession of Palestine Liberation Organization literature.

saying the strike would continue "as long as necessary."

Observers noted that Israeli authorities had not resorted to a tactic they frequently use to break commercial strikes in occupied territories, that of forcefully opening closed shops. They estimated the authorities were counting on economic pressure to end the protest.

Meanwhile, U.S. Senator John Glenn, Democrat, visited Israeli military installations in the Golan Heights Tuesday, accompanied by former Israeli Air Force chief Benyamin Peled. It was the first such visit by an American member of Congress since the annexation. Sen. Glenn earlier met with Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

Armed Forces of the North (FAN) should come into effect by the end of this month. It also said a new constitution should be drawn up and general and presidential elections held before the end of June, when the OAU peacekeeping force in Chad is scheduled to withdraw.

President Goukouni again rejected the Nairobi proposals, and called on the OAU to "pull itself together and analyse the Chadian question coolly in order to help to end the war."

Goukouni said the Chadian problem was a military one and the government would act "with the aid of friendly brother countries."

He said that he would never ask the OAU force to withdraw from Chad because it would be tantamount to giving the Pan-African organization an undeserved honor.

## U.S. to sell \$180m plant to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (R) — The Pentagon has announced plans to sell \$180 million worth of industrial plant equipment to Turkey to increase its ability to service its U.S.-made air force planes.

U.S. Air Force officials said the decision could be a first step toward Turkey co-producing aircraft parts for use by North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger discussed co-production when he visited Ankara last December.

The Pentagon's announcement followed an earlier sale of \$5 million equipment to Turkey to overhaul and maintain its planes, which include old Lockheed F-104s and McDonnell Douglas F-4s.

The Pentagon also announced plans to sell Kuwait 56 guided missile vehicles and 4,840 guided missiles, along with spare parts and technical services, valued at \$97 million. It said the equipment would help Kuwait provide for its security by improving its defenses. Kuwait already has similar guided missile systems, the Pentagon said.

## Ali Nasser visits Cuba

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen arrived Tuesday in Havana for an official visit and was greeted by Cuban President Fidel Castro, Cuba's official news agency reported.

The Prensa Latina dispatch, monitored here, said the hymns of both Cuba and South Yemen were played at Jose Marti International Airport to mark the arrival of Ali Nasser. Thousands of people attended the ceremony, Prensa Latina said.

Cuban President Fidel Castro met him at the airport. Relations between the two countries are very close.

## Syria accepts U.N. limit on territorial waters

DAMASCUS, Feb. 17 (R) — Syria, which last year said it was extending its territorial waters from 12 to 35 miles, said Wednesday it would abide by an international limit laid down by the United Nations.

The 35-mile limit was proclaimed last August shortly after American warplanes shot down two Libyan fighters, which the U.S. said opened fire in the Gulf of Sirte off the Libyan coast, where an American naval exercise was under way. Libya said the Gulf, which forms an indentation in the Libyan coastline, was part of its waters, but Washington said the claim was invalid.

## Eritreans claim killing 745 Ethiopian troops

KHARTOUM, Feb. 17 (AP) — Eritrean fighters claim to have killed 745 Ethiopian troops, wounded 900 and captured 44 others in two days of fighting on the northeastern Sahel front in the Ruzsa province of Eritrea, a rebel spokesman said here Tuesday.

The spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said that Eritrean secessionist movement's military wing on Friday and Saturday launched a heavy attack on government troops, dislodging them from their trenches and forcing them to retreat.

He said the fighters also seized 385 pieces of light weapons, 69 anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns and destroyed one T-54 Soviet-made tank. The Ethiopians used Soviet

supplied MiG 23 jets and artillery for bombing and shelling along the 48 kms front during the two days of fighting.

In a communique delivered to the AP office in Beirut, the EPLF charged the Ethiopians have been using nerve gas in an attack on the village of Trukruk, near the Sudanese border.

The Eritrean movement said the Ethiopian government had purchased the chemical weapons from the Soviet Union. It said the war launched against Trukruk started Monday. It gave no further details. The front, fighting the Ethiopian government for nearly two decades to gain independence, has appealed to the United Nations to condemn the alleged use of chemical weapons.

## Differences with Zia denied

## Shahi resigned for health reasons

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Agha Shahi, who resigned as Pakistani foreign minister Tuesday for health reasons, stressed in an interview published Wednesday that he had had no policy differences with President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq.

Shahi told *Nawa-i-Waqt*, an Urdu-language newspaper, that he was suffering from hypertension. His blood pressure had recently gone up to an "alarming stage," he said, adding that he had been forced to seek 10 days' leave after the United Nations General Assembly session last October. He said he had planned to quit the foreign ministry after the expected visit of Indian Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe for talks on a no-war pact.

## Oman concludes major exercises

MANAMA, Feb. 17 (AP) — Oman concluded Wednesday week-long major military maneuvers in the Dhofar area, where Communist rebel tribesmen are said to be active.

The Gulf News Agency, in a report distributed here, said several battalions of the air, artillery, armor, engineering and desert border corps participated in the maneuvers, which depicted "a siege of imaginary enemy positions." The report said the maneuvers started Feb. 10, the day U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger left Oman after obtaining a pledge from this strategic Gulf country to "work closely with the U.S." in protecting the Gulf against external threats.

The last two days of the maneuvers coincided with a trip to Oman by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who reportedly urged better American arms supplies to Oman during a visit to Washington earlier this month.

## Kuwait, Qatar call for joint Gulf defense

KUWAIT, Feb. 17 (AP) — Kuwait and Qatar expressed determination Wednesday to forge ahead with joint efforts by Gulf Arab states "to bolster indigenous capabilities and safeguard security and stability without foreign intervention."

A joint communique issued after a three-day visit to Kuwait by Qatar's ruler, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, said the Gulf region was currently "surrounded by delicate circumstances" which necessitated such joint action. Khalifa later returned to Qatar. Kuwait and Qatar are members of the ten-month-old Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which also comprises Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman. The statement appealed for serious efforts to bypass current inter-Arab differences, saying that this was "the only practical means of facing up to current challenges and dangers" in the Middle East. It urged world countries to take concrete steps to implement the recent U.N. General Assembly resolution, which calls for sanctions against Israel for its annexation of Syria's Golan Heights last December.

## Australian unit leaving for Sinai today

CANBERRA, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — An Australian supply ship will leave for the Middle East Thursday with eight helicopters and support equipment for the Sinai peacekeeping force, Foreign Minister Tony Street said Wednesday.

He told parliament that Australia was expected to contribute about 120 air crew, support personnel and military police to the force, although full agreement on its participation still had to be completed. The multinational peacekeeping force will police the Sinai after Israel's completes its withdrawal in April under the Camp David peace accord.

Street said the Australians would be stationed at El Gorah in north Sinai and were due to take up their positions by March 20.

The opposition Labor Party, and, according to opinion polls, a majority of Australians oppose Australia's participation in the force. Street told parliament the government would maintain sovereignty over the Australian contingent and reserved the right to withdraw it if necessary. Its commitment was expected initially to last for two years.

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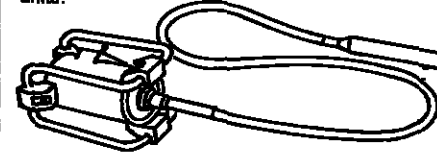
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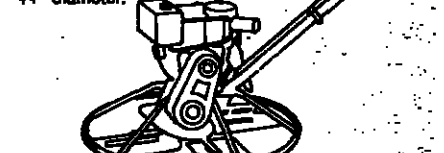
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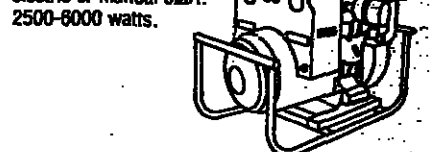
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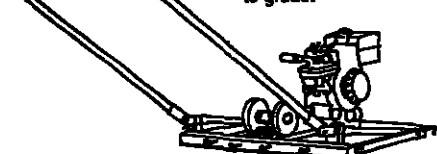
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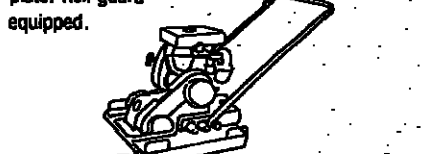
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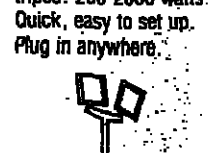
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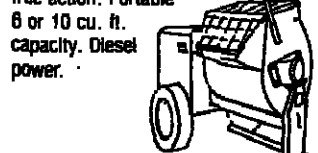
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## Revolt totters Begin's cabinet

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Israel's coalition government may be threatened by Prime Minister Menahem Begin's decision to overturn the dismissal by the tiny Tami Party of leading officials in the labor and social welfare ministry, which it controls, various sources said Wednesday.

The Tami Party, whose three members of parliament are crucial to the Likud coalition's narrow majority, has threatened to quit the coalition if Begin does not reconsider his decision. The party is led by Aharon Abuhatzira.

Deputy Social Welfare Minister Ben-Zion Rubin said on television earlier this week the party had a right to put its own men in the top posts of its ministry. But Begin — who has taken over the top ministry post temporarily because Abuhatzira has been charged with corruption — quickly rescinded the firings.

The *Maariv* newspaper said the prime minister would favor new elections to a capitulation to the Tami pressure.

The English-language *Jerusalem Post* added that new elections could be expected soon after Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai, set for April 25.

## Velayati denies plea to Algeria for mediation

ALGIERS, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Iran has not asked Algeria to mediate in its war with Iraq, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said here Tuesday night at the end of an official visit to Algiers.

Velayati told a press conference that Iran's conditions for ending the long-running war had not changed since the beginning: Iraqi troops must leave Iranian territory and pay reparations, and an international organization or "brother country" should decide which state was the aggressor. He also denied reports that Israel had supplied military equipment to Iran. "Our relations with the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) are very good," he said. He added that Israel understood only the language of force, and Iran wanted peaceful solutions to the Middle East conflict "which only helps Israel to perpetuate its domination over the Palestinian people. He said Iraq no longer qualified to be a nonaligned state. Velayati said his visit was aimed at strengthening relations between two "progressive countries."

## Rajavi threatens death to top Iranian leaders

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (AP) — Iran's most powerful opposition group has pledged continued resistance to Ayatollah Khomeini's regime with a two-pronged attack aimed at removing key regime figures and organizing strikes to cripple the country's economy.

Mujahdeen Khalq leader Massoud Rajavi, now living in self-exile in Paris, told the Associated Press in Beirut by telephone recently that although he doesn't believe in the "physical removal of people," it was necessary to "get rid of those persons responsible for oppression in Iran." Rajavi stressed a "bloodbath is not the answer" but at the same time said it was vital for the people to be able to obtain correct information about Khomeini's regime "something

that is impossible to do now because of the people in charge." There is also the need for a general strike "to prepare grounds for a popular uprising against the regime," he said.

The Tehran government staged a massive crackdown on leftist guerrillas throughout the capital city killing three key Mujahdeen members in a raid on one of their Tehran hideouts. Those killed included Mousa Khatibani, commander-in-chief of the Mujahdeen inside Iran, his wife Azar Reza'i and Rajavi's wife Ashraf Rabi'i.

Despite the loss of his wife and Khatibani, Rajavi, told the AP "The dawn of freedom for our people is close at hand. I see the year 1982 as the last one for Khomeini."

## Wazzan to visit 5 Gulf states

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan, plans to visit five Arab states in the Gulf next week, official sources said Wednesday. Wazzan will start his tour in Saudi Arabia Sunday and then go on to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar, returning to Beirut Friday.

The independent Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar* said Wazzan would discuss financial aid to Lebanon, fears of an Israeli attack

in the south and the prospects for an Arab League committee working to reconcile Lebanon's warring factions.

At an Arab League Summit in Tunis in 1979, Arab states agreed to give Lebanon \$2 billion over five years to help aid the war-torn country.

So far only \$384 million of the \$800 million for the first two years have arrived, finance ministry officials say.

## Mubarak back home after Oman trip

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived home from Muscat Wednesday after two days of talks with Sultan Qaboos of Oman on Middle East developments.

The trip to Oman was the first to another Arab country by Mubarak since he took power after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last Oct. 6.

Oman radio said Tuesday night that the talks dealt with the Arab situation, issues of mutual interest and the fostering of bilateral ties. In Cairo, the official Middle East News Agency quoted Mubarak's political advisor,

Osama El-Baz, as saying the two leaders had also discussed ways of reinforcing the Middle East peace process.

In the communiqué, Egypt expressed support for Qaboos's "wise policy in countering the plots and intrigues his government faces." This appeared an indirect reference to the reported unrest in the Dohfar area of south — Oman, where Communist rebel tribesmen are said to be operating with the backing of South Yemen.

Oman has accused South Yemen of plotting with the Soviet Union, Libya and Ethiopia to undermine states in the Gulf.

## BRIEFS

ANKARA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Faruk Kaddumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) political section, has postponed an official visit to Turkey owing to Ankara's abstention in the United Nations vote against Israel. *Cumhuriyet* newspaper said Wednesday. The daily said that Turkey and the PLO had agreed that Kaddumi should pay an official visit to Turkey this month, just after the U.N. vote called by Arab countries in protest at the annexation of the Golan.

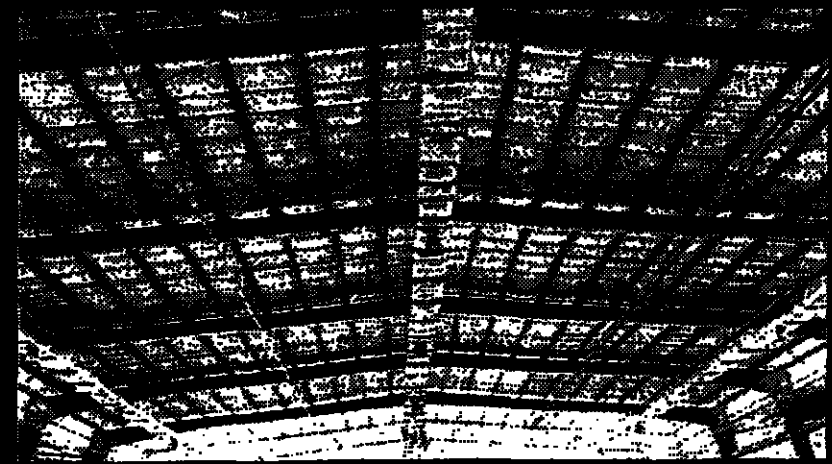
KUWAIT (R) — Leading Arab businessmen called on their governments Wednesday to drastically review their relations with the United States and other powers supporting Israel in the Middle East conflict. The council

of the General Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry, which made the call after a two-day meeting, did not recommend specific measures against the U.S. But it urged individual Arabs to redirect their investments and business deals to unidentified friendly countries.

AMOL (AFP) — Three weeks after a bloody battle between the rebels and revolutionary guards in this northern Iranian town, the guards still file past sandbags, and bullet-riddled buildings toward the surrounding woods, still seeking remnants of the opposition. But their fears of a return of the group that residents call the "jangali" — the ones who came from the forest — do not appear to be shared.

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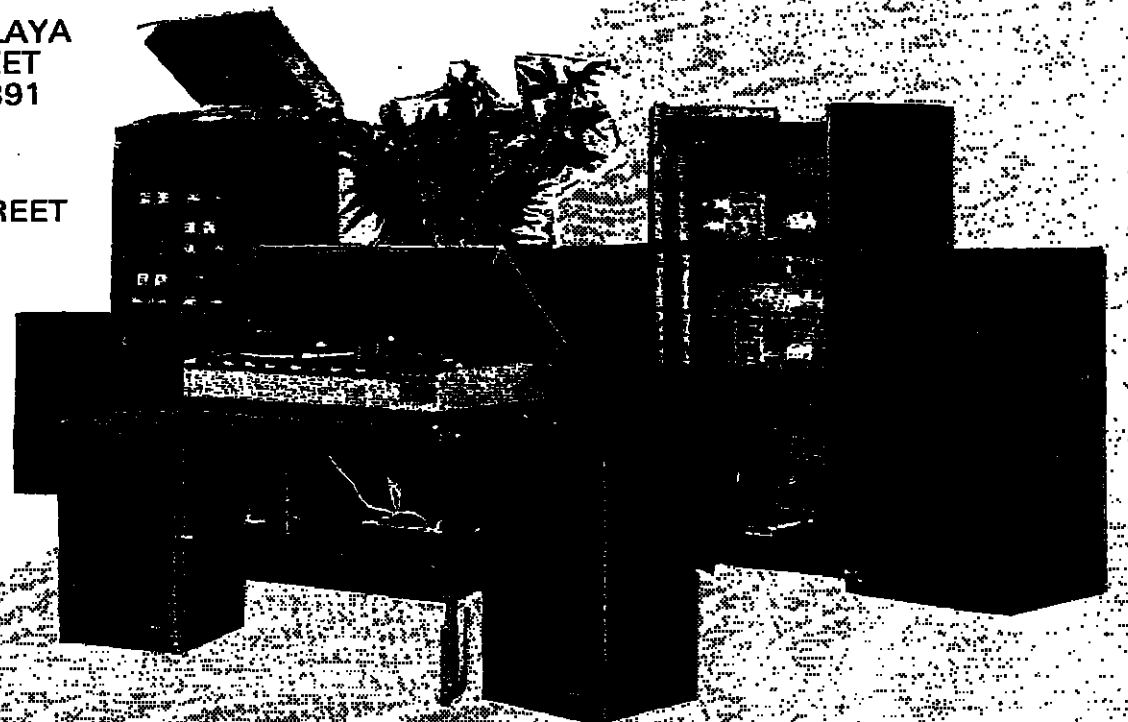
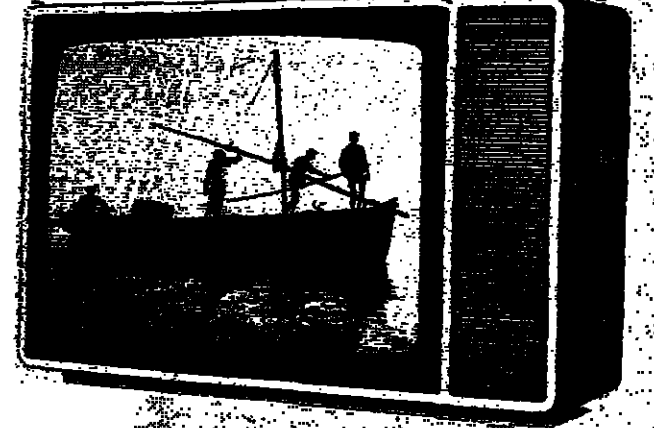
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## THE LESSER EVIL

The allies of the United States have often wondered why it insists on supporting El Salvador's present rulers, given their failure all this time to ensure even the minimum of security and stability for the country. Here is a regime which is not merely dictatorial and terroristic, but is also, patently and by any criterion, a failure.

The allies also wonder what is there to prevent the Americans from extending aid to the movements opposing the regime, so as to ensure an alternative acceptable to the United States, one which would exclude the influence of the Soviet Union.

The argument of the administration — and indeed of previous administrations when faced with similar situations — is that such regimes as that of Duarte in El Salvador represent the 'lesser evil', as their opponents seek to hand the country over to the Soviet Union and Cuba.

But this argument has always worked so that it is exactly this result which obtains. Such assumptions tend to be self-fulfilling, as opponents of regimes similar to that of El Salvador find themselves faced with the United States, and so see no option but to ally themselves to the Russians or the Cubans. This has happened so many times in the past that it is a wonder the obvious conclusion has not yet been drawn.

Observers still remember Secretary of State Haig's anger when someone asked him to justify his opposition to the developments in Poland, in view of his support for the El Salvador regime. That anger, everyone saw, was a cover for his inability to make a real case for the administration's line on El Salvador.

The Russians and Cubans might indeed eventually find their way to El Salvador. But the Americans must consider, if it comes about, that it was their own policies which contributed to such an outcome.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabia's distinguished and unquestionable role in supporting Arab and Islamic causes, the current Arab situation and developments in the Arab world in the light of Israel's threats to wage a wide-scale assault on southern Lebanon figured for editorial comments in Wednesday's newspapers.

*Al-Bilad* observed the Kingdom's ever-increasing political, economic and military weight has caused concern to its enemies, and that accounts for the unsuccessful attempt to distort its bright image.

*Okaz* criticized those who are trying to cast shadows on the Kingdom's Arab role. It cited the recent allegations by foreign media accusing the Kingdom of using its territories for sabotage against South Yemen as an example of the series of anti-Saudi Arabia campaigns masterminded by the enemies of Arabs and Muslims led by the Zionists and agents of imperialism.

"These hostile campaigns are doomed to failure since the Kingdom will never abandon its major responsibilities in backing with full weight Arab and Islamic issues and confronting Zionist, Communist and imperialist elements wherever they are," the paper added.

Refuting claims by a PLO official that the Kingdom was a U.S. agent, *Okaz* said nobody has branded PLO as a Soviet agent on the ground that it is getting its arms supplies from Moscow. The paper regretted such statements and said the Palestinians know well who are rendering constant and full support to their struggle.

"The Kingdom's full support to the Palestinian issue is widely rec-

ognized even by Israel, which has repeatedly admitted that Saudi Arabia has emerged as a front-line state in its confrontation with Tel Aviv. Everyone recognized that the Kingdom's objective in diversifying its arms sources is to build up a strong Arab army equipped with the most sophisticated weaponry for defending the Arab cause and liberate Palestine and the whole occupied Arab lands including Jerusalem," the paper concluded.

*Al-Madinah* warned against a possible wide-scale Israeli attack on southern Lebanon in collaboration with the Lebanese militia of Gen. Haddad. It underlined the intensified contacts led by the Kingdom to mobilize Arab potentials and establish a collective Arab front for facing such Israeli threats and ensure the security and stability of Lebanon and its independence.

*Al-Jazirah* urged the closing of Arab ranks and working out a collective Arab strategy for facing the Israeli challenges in the region. "We should learn from the lessons of the Arab-Israeli conflict that wrong foreign policy and rifts overshadowing inter-Arab ties are the main reasons which have enabled Israel to carry out its expansionist policy in the Arab lands," the paper added.

*Al-Riyadh* warned the Arabs against the emergence of a new political and military situation in the region in favor of Israel due to current Arab rifts and lack of a collective Arab front against the Zionist expansionist policy. "Only a strong unified Arab strategy will put an end to such Israeli arrogance and the Zionist occupation to the Arab lands," the paper said.

## Mrs. Gandhi worried about superpower rivalry in Indian Ocean

By Arthur Gavshon

NEW DELHI — Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Indian premier, is deeply concerned about the growing superpower confrontation in the Indian Ocean, which is eroding the littoral states' determination to establish the area as a "zone of peace." Her deepest concern focuses on the huge American arms and aid package for Pakistan, which she says is undermining India's economic objectives.

In an hour-long interview, Mrs. Gandhi discussed the implications of the U.S.-Soviet buildup. To put Mrs. Gandhi's anxieties into context, it is necessary to look at recent events in the Indian Ocean.

The latest — according to government officials here — is India's decision to shut its ports and airfields to American and British warships and warplanes using the Indian Ocean island-base of Diego Garcia. New Delhi has also asked Sri Lanka to explain the nature, extent and purpose of the staging, oil storage and recreational facilities being made available to America's Seventh Fleet at the former British naval base at Trincomalee.

Privately, the Sri Lankans have denied they are granting the Americans conventional base facilities in return for U.S. economic aid. It is known in Delhi nevertheless that a Texan firm called Coastal Corporation has reached agreement to reactivate the service World War II oil terminal at Trincomalee to service U.S. and other allied warships.

At the same time Japan is funding the development of a huge rest and recreational complex for the

benefit of free-spending U.S. seamen.

Indians are also closely watching what they regard as intensifying U.S. moves to outmaneuver Soviet activities in and around the Indian Ocean. They include approaches to the government of Pakistan's President Zia ul-Haq to permit the establishment of a control and command post for America's Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) in Karachi.

The Indians are concerned about overtures to nonaligned Burma to join in Washington's plans for a "strategic consensus" of states in the region ready to resist any Soviet expansionism. The U.S. Pacific commander-in-chief recently visited Rangoon after the sudden injection of \$80 million of U.S. aid for Burma's faltering economy.

In an exclusive interview at the start of her 14th year of power, Mrs. Gandhi expressed her concern over some of these developments, which she sees as transforming the Indian Ocean into an area of superpower rivalry.

"There is no doubt at all that already navies of the superpowers easily outnumber the navies of all 24 littoral states together. An October, 1981, count by India showed that 32 U.S. warships, including two aircraft carriers, were in the area along with 16 auxiliaries. The Soviets at the time had 20 warships and 24 auxiliaries. Numbers of conventional and nuclear-powered submarines were not given.

"Obviously it all brings danger much closer to our shores. As a matter of fact it will encourage other countries to increase their pressure."

Mrs. Gandhi's meaning was clear. As the U.S. buildup gathers momentum the Soviet Union can be expected to increase its strength in the area. She acknowledged Indian efforts to discourage the superpowers have so far failed. "Our pressing does not make any difference," she said, "but there's no question of changing our policy."

Washington has advised India that the buildup of U.S. strike power owes its origins to the Soviet entry into Afghanistan and the turmoil in Iran, which could in turn become a target for Soviet attack. Moscow has told India that Soviet warships will quit the area only if the Americans do so.

Mrs. Gandhi voiced concern about the consequences of the \$3.2 billion package of American military and economic aid for Pakistan. Besides providing Pakistan with advanced weapons, including 40 F-16 strike planes, the aid program is destabilizing India's economy, Mrs. Gandhi said. Her government had now to divert for defense "a lot of money needed for really crucial" development.

She scorned suggestions that U.S. rearmament of Pakistan resulted from Russia's intervention in Afghanistan. "Pakistan's request for weaponry predates Soviet entry into Afghanistan," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi said that if Pakistan did provide the U.S. with a base it would not only threaten India but would suck the entire region into the superpower conflict. She did not comment directly on the Indian ban on U.S. and British warships and warplanes which use Diego Garcia. That island-base technically is part of what is known as British Indian Ocean Territory, and is about 1,500 miles from the

Indian subcontinental tip. In a war, because it provides a haven for U.S. nuclear missile carriers, the island would be a prime Soviet target and southern India would be in the fallout area.

Sri Lanka's evident readiness to provide facilities for the Americans is a considerable policy switch, inevitably associated with the U.S. economic favors that have been bestowed on President Jayewardene's conservative administration — even though outside aid has yet to resolve the country's poverty and extreme underdevelopment.

Initially a majority of Indian Ocean states heartily endorsed the "zone of peace" concept, but as the superpower contest has deepened, 15 countries have lined up with the West and three with the Soviets. Six, including India, remain pledged to work for the eviction of American and Soviet military presences.

Mrs. Gandhi has long insisted she is neither pro-American, nor pro-Soviet — only pro-Indian. Throughout the interview her criticisms of U.S. policies were blunt, her references to the Soviets circumspect. This possibly was attributable to her wish to lessen India's reliance on Moscow.

India is trying to mend its fences with China after 20 years of confrontation. It is seeking closer cooperation in arms procurement and high technology with the middle powers of the world. Mrs. Gandhi said she had told Moscow its presence in Afghanistan "is being used to greater advantage" by the West than by the Russians themselves. "I think they recognize it," she observed. (ONS)

## Argentina's Galtieri promises gradual return to democracy

By Jimmy Burns

BUENOS AIRES — As Argentina approaches the sixth anniversary of its right-wing military coup on March 24, Buenos Aires is experiencing the first perceptible, if still faint, signs of political liberalization. Officially Argentina remains under a state of siege. Political parties and union activities are banned, and Buenos Aires still has its no-go areas where a pedestrian may be shot by soldiers if found loitering.

On Thursday afternoons a group of women wearing white bandannas walk silently before the Casa Rosada, the presidential palace. It is a passive protest against the refusal of the military authorities to publicize the names of the estimated 6,500 Argentinians who disappeared after the coup. A year ago the women would have been bundled into police vans. On the streets of Buenos Aires the only perceptible violence these days is the occasional bank-raid — but this too is a far cry from before. When the military took power, street battles between security forces and guerrillas were a daily occurrence. Politically-motivated kidnappings took place by the hour. Yet according to human rights organizations,

only six persons have been kidnapped in the last 12 months, and five of these have been returned alive by their captors.

"The left-wing guerrillas have been utterly discredited and anyway they have lost the war," said a local journalist.

Military officers called it the "holy war," a latter-day crusade against what they saw as the threat of Marxism and anarchy. In the course of fighting the war they liquidated thousands of "terrorists" and many men and women remotely connected with them. The peace has been achieved through sheer force, and now the military seems more disposed than before to loosen the ties of repression.

In recent weeks there has been a gradual lifting of censorship. Television remains firmly under the control of the military, but a number of previously banned films have been put on general release, including *Man of Iron*, about the struggle for freedom in Poland, and *Coming Home*, a stinging attack on U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

A series of concerts are scheduled to be given later this month by Mercedes Sousa, a Communist

who was banned from singing here after the coup. In the bookshops, meanwhile, the best-seller is *Army and Politics*, a critical look at the role of the Argentine armed forces in government. Newspapers too are becoming bolder.

Argentina's new President Leopoldo Galtieri wants a gradual return to full democracy — not one that takes place in leaps and bounds. He has hinted strongly that a new statute allowing political activity will be approved by the government, but Argentina's traditional parties, like the Peronists and the radicals, expect to have their politics closely supervised by government "interventos."

Opposition parties remain unconvinced by the pace of liberalization. A statement issued by a grouping of the five major parties, including the Peronists, said recently: "The people demand respect and only receive aggression. The people demand justice and get indifference. They demand freedom and have to put up with threats."

The outlawed unions meanwhile have promised that a "winter of discontent" will begin after the local summer (January-March). A major dilemma facing Galtieri is how to keep to the general direc-

## Allies annoyed by U.S. stand on pipeline

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — The Reagan administration's determination to stop the pipeline which is planned to pump gas from Western Siberia to West Europe starting in 1984 is developing into one of the most damaging family quarrels ever to trouble the Western Alliance.

The general strategy behind the American effort has been clearly stated by the American Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. It is to "make Soviet industry increasingly obsolete" by reducing Western credits and sales of technology to the Soviet Union. The Reagan administration wants to stop the pipeline precisely because it will be from the mid-1980s Moscow's chief earner of hard currency with which to buy advanced Western equipment.

The U.S. deputy commerce secretary told a subcommittee of the House of Representatives this week that it would be possible to stop the use of American components needed in the pipeline's construction. These are General Electric turbine parts for the 41 compressor stations that will drive the gas along the pipeline. The Americans hope that holding these up would make it impossible for European contractors to complete the turbines they

have contracted to sell the Soviet Union.

British experts doubt that this will work in the long run. Jonathan Stern, a leading London specialist in Soviet energy matters, believes the pipeline could be held up for as much as a year if the Americans are "one hundred percent uncooperative." He points out that the rotar technology needed to produce the parts in question is not particularly advanced, and that GE has its present monopoly because it is the only company that has the capacity to produce them in large numbers.

However, a French company, Alsthom-Atlantique, does have some capacity to produce the complete turbines using technology it acquired from GE several years ago. But Stern points out that if European firms, including Alsthom, do find themselves caught in an American legal net, the Russians can be expected to take retaliatory measures.

A natural one, he believes, would be for the Russians to refuse to award contracts to any European firm that uses American licences or is liable to be restricted in its commercial dealings by American law. "If we get nasty with the Russians" he says "they can get nasty with us."

One of the main American arguments against the

pipeline is that the Russians might threaten to turn off the gas supply to extract political concessions from West Europe. British specialists do not believe this. Professor Alec Nove of Glasgow University argues that "the Russians could not turn off the tap without hurting themselves, unless it was a situation close to war."

The Russians have now started to make this point themselves. Vadim Zagladin, the first deputy head of the Soviet Central Committee's International Department and a member of President Leonid Brezhnev's advisers' circle, was asked in Paris earlier this month if the Soviet Union would stick to the terms of the gas contract.

"I shall tell you a story instead," Zagladin answered his interviewer. "Well, it is a true story. I go back to the 22 June, 1941 (the day Hitler invaded the Soviet Union)... On that day Brezhnev was one of the secretaries of the Dnepropetrovsk region (in the Ukraine). So what did he do? What things did he do first when he heard that war had broken out? He said, therefore: First of all, we have to stop the Ukrainian wheat-trains, which were already on their way to Germany. I think that there is your reply."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 18th, the 49th day of 1982. There are 316 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1564 — Artist Michelangelo dies at age 89.

1685 — La Salle, French explorer, establishes first settlement in Texas.

1813 — Hamburg is occupied by Russians after patriotic outbreak in city against the French.

1856 — Reform edict is published in Turkish Empire.

1915 — Germany blockades England as submarine war is intensified in World War I.

1930 — Geneva Tariff Conference opens.

1965 — African nation of Gambia becomes independent within British Commonwealth.

1974 — Arab oil countries, with exception of Libya and Syria end oil embargo against the United States.

1979 — The Soviet Union warns China to stop in its conflict with Vietnam "before it is too late."

Thought for today:

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams — John Barrymore: U.S. actor (1882-1942).

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TV will not be a big force in Vietnam for some time yet. It airs for only two hours in the evening, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the most popular programs are sports, beamed by satellite from the U.S.S.R or Eastern Europe. The local programming, especially drama, professionally acted and produced, suffers from poor facilities — Honol's TV studios are housed in a converted rice warehouse — and a melange of equipment from all over the world.



## To end 'colonization'

## Corsican bombs hit Paris, Versailles

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AP) — Corsican nationalists early Wednesday claimed they planted 19 bombs which exploded during the night in Paris and Versailles, causing minor damage but no injuries, and three others which failed to explode.

The claim was made to the French news agency in the name of the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), a tiny clandestine organization which is more radical than exist-

ing, legal autonomy movements. The FLNC demands the end of "colonization" of the island by mainland French.

In attacks it claimed last Sunday night in Corsica, one French Foreign Legion soldier was murdered and two other soldiers wounded, while 23 bombs were set off.

The organization had declared a "truce" after the election of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand last May, awaiting Socialist policy developments toward the island.

It claimed the new round of attacks did not break the truce but were a "warning" it was happy with the policy as presented so far. The government is pushing through a measure of regional self-government for Corsica which falls far short of the FLNC demands.

The FLNC has set several hundred bombs in Corsica and mainland France since it was created in 1976, on occasions laying as many as 80 in Corsica and 20 in Paris in one night.

Police said the bombs set on the night of Tuesday to Wednesday in the Paris region were of low power and had apparently been timed carefully to avoid causing injuries — a signature of the FLNC. All its past bombings have been set in this way and only one case of a minor injury to a passer-by has been recorded.

The killing of the legionnaire in Corsica represented a major new escalation of violence by the group, and was disavowed by one branch of the movement in a communiqué issued on the island Wednesday.

## Paris reports most burglaries

PARIS, Feb. 17 (R) — Paris has won the unhappy title of the world's most burgled city, insurance figures showed Wednesday.

With 26 break-ins a year per 1,000 inhabitants, it ranks above Los Angeles with 25 and New York with 22, the French Insurance Association's information center said. The figures included thefts from homes and shops.

Nationally, however, France comes only seventh in the burglary league. The center said the United States tops the list with 15 burglaries a year per 1,000 inhabitants, followed by Israel 14, Canada 13, West Germany 12, Britain 11, Austria eight and France five. At the bottom come Spain, one, and Japan, two.

## Army blames leftists

## 51 Guatemalans massacred

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Fifty-one farmers, including some women and children, were decapitated at their homes in the Uspantán region (Quiché department) of western Guatemala by unidentified men wielding machetes, it was learned here Tuesday.

The massacre was revealed by a group of reporters visiting western Guatemala, where a large-scale military anti-guerrilla operation is in progress.

The reporters described emotional scene in various towns of the Uspantán region, with relatives crying over the chopped-up bodies of the victims. Guatemalan television showed some such scenes Tuesday night.

High military officials of the forces operating in western Guatemala blamed guerrilla groups for the massacre, calling it a "savage act." The majority of the population in the Uspantán region are farmers of Indian blood who live on what they can raise on their small holdings or work for others.

Guatemala's army chief implied that leftists were to blame for the massacre of the villagers.

Army Chief of Staff Benedicto Lucas Garcia told a news conference Tuesday that "subversive groups" — the term customarily used by officials for leftist opponents of the military government — were responsible for the slaughter.

A 22-year-old woman who was wounded in the attack and died while receiving medical attention reportedly said the attackers were heavily armed gunmen clad in olive-green fatigues.

Another high-ranking military spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said flatly the leftists were responsible. Neither Lucas Garcia nor the military spokesman provided any

evidence for their claims. And, as with most political violence in Central America, the claims could not be verified independently.

There was no immediate comment from the leftist side. But human rights groups contend that government forces or right-wing paramilitary "death squads" are responsible for most of such killings.

Police and military spokesmen said most of the victims appeared to have died after their throats were cut, and many of them were mutilated beyond recognition by machete or bayonet slashes. But all appeared to have been peasants living in Calante or nearby villages.

Six of the dead were children, the spokesman reported. Authorities said all were buried in a common grave Tuesday afternoon.

Lucas Garcia, brother of President Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia, said he visited Calante Tuesday. He reported a French passport was found outside the village and said it may have belonged to one of the attackers.

The army chief said the passport had been issued to Philippe Henry Leghien who he said entered the country about two years ago. He gave no other details.

## Pope arrives in Benin

COTONOU, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Pope John Paul II arrived in the west African Marxist state of Benin Wednesday after a short flight from Nigeria to start the second phase of his tour of the region. He was greeted on arrival by President Mathieu Kerekou. Large crowds of Beninese and people from neighboring Togo braved pouring rain to wait for more than five hours at the airport to see the Pope arrive.



RARE GAZELLE BIRTH: Just a few minutes old, the first Mhorri gazelle born in the Western hemisphere faces inspection from its mother at the San Diego Zoo in California. The Mhorri gazelle is the most endangered of all antelope species. Zoologists say the animal is extinct in the wild, with fewer than 100 existing in captivity.

## N-plant plans put off in U.S.

TULSA, Oklahoma, Feb. 17 (AP) — Public Service Co. of Oklahoma and two partners said they were abandoning plans to construct the Black Fox nuclear power plant, a nine-year project that has cost \$233 million so far.

The decision was made because of technical problems, government regulations, opposition by nuclear energy opponents and inflation, company officials said, Tuesday.

Martin E. Fate Jr., president and chief executive officer, said the utility is withdrawing its license application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Public Service owns about 60 percent of the project at Inola, 48 kms east of Tulsa. Co-owners are two electric cooperatives.

Costs so far, after they are reduced by salvage value, will be absorbed by users and investors, said William R. Stratton, senior vice president of finance. The cost to users will be spread over a 10-year period.

Fate and Stratton said at a news conference that the company will consider using the site for other electric power sources, such as coal-fired generators.

Inflation and future requirements would make the cost of the project escalate "at some unknown and uncontrollable rate," Fate said.

Anti-nuclear energy forces had opposed Black Fox in hearings and with protests and placard-carrying demonstrations since its construction was first announced. Early in the history of the project, protestors climbed fences and went onto the site in defiance of anti-trespassing regulations.

## Opposition discounted

## Haig denies troop plan to Salvador

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Domestic opposition should not necessarily be what determines whether the administration of President Ronald Reagan sends troops to El Salvador, Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Tuesday night. He declared anew that the administration has no plans to do so.

"If we were to determine our foreign policy based on the lowest common denominator of the national mood, I think we would be on very fallacious ground," Haig said in a televised appearance.

Haig also said he was "not uncomfortable in the notion that the American people would not support sending forces to El Salvador to combat the leftist guerrillas there."

On aid by other countries, particularly reports that the administration is encouraging Argentina to send forces to bolster the civilian-military government of Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte, Haig said, "it is not a pertinent option at the moment."

The Reagan administration has been stepping up military and economic aid to El Salvador. Reagan sent \$55 million in military equipment to the junta earlier this month.

Meanwhile, two U.S. congressmen have arrived in El Salvador on a fact-finding mission aimed at preventing Washington's involvement in what one of them called "a Vietnam situation."

Democrats Tom Harkin and James Oberstar told reporters in San Salvador Tuesday that the American people were deeply worried about the violence in El Salvador, where more than 30,000 persons have been killed.

"We are at a crossroads in American policy," Oberstar said. The American people were concerned whether a Vietnam situation could develop in this Central American coun-

try, he added. Harkin said: "There is a very deep concern in the United States as to where we are headed. I haven't seen anything like it since Vietnam."

The two men said they would be joined by Republican Congressman James Coyne Wednesday and that they would be meeting government officials, opposition politicians and church officials during their four-day mission.

In a television interview in Washington Tuesday on his return from El Salvador another Democratic senator, Patrick Leahy, accused Salvadoran Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia of having lied about alleged massacres by the security forces.

Hostility to the junta has built up to such a point that some American liberals feel neutralism is not enough and that aid should be given to the insurgents despite their Marxist sympathies.

Some liberals are worried about this growing sympathy for the insurgents. The Washington Post, known for its liberal views, took a stand in a recent editorial against drawing a parallel between Vietnam and El Salvador. The newspaper said that hostility to the junta should not work in favor of Communist influence in Central America.

Meanwhile, an interview published by a Prague paper Wednesday said that four U.S. military officers have been killed in recent fighting against leftists in El Salvador.

A leader of the Salvadoran Communist Party said in the interview in Rude Pravo, the newspaper of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, that three of the military advisers were killed in fighting near Chalatenango in northern El Salvador.

## U.S. senator to fight conviction in Abscam case

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (R) — Sen. Harrison A. Williams vowed to fight his case right up to the U.S. Supreme Court after being sentenced Tuesday to three years in jail for his role in a bribery scandal.

The New Jersey Democrat also said he would contest an attempt next Tuesday to expel him from the Senate, where he has served for 22 years. "I am going to fight my case in the U.S. Senate because I am innocent and I know I didn't do anything wrong," Williams, 62, told reporters.

If he fails, he would be the first senator to be expelled since the reconstruction days following the American Civil War. And if he loses his legal battle against conviction and sentence, he would become the first senator since 1905 to serve a jail term. Only three other senators in U.S. history have been convicted of criminal offenses. Williams was the only senator convicted in the Abscam bribery scandal — an FBI undercover operation to ferret out political corruption.

In the controversial operation, which also resulted in six members of the House of Representatives being convicted on corruption charges, FBI agents posed as a sheikh and his business associates offering bribes to politicians for favors. Williams was found guilty of offering political favors in return for a \$100 million investment in a titanium mine in which the senator had a secret interest.

## Barbara elected Malta president

VALLETTA, Feb. 17 (R) — Agatha Barbara, 59, a former teacher, was elected president of Malta, the first woman to hold the office. The president, whose functions are ceremonial is elected for a five-year term by the House of Representatives.

The opposition Nationalist Party, which is boycotting parliamentary sittings, did not participate in the presidential election Tuesday.

The Nationalists' leader, Dr. Edward Fenech Adami, Monday described Prime Minister Dom Mintoff's government as illegitimate. The Nationalists have accused the ruling Malta Labor Party of rigging constituency boundaries for elections last December.

In the elections, held under proportional representation, the Labor Party won 34 seats against 31 for the Nationalists, although the latter polled more votes. Miss Barbara was the first woman elected to the Maltese Parliament, winning a seat in 1947. Eight years later she was appointed minister of education in the first government led by Mintoff.

## Shuttle beats schedule

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The Columbia space shuttle is ahead of schedule for the first time ever, as it awaits its third test flight around the earth. The craft has again been transported from its giant workshop to the Cape Canaveral launch pad from which it will be lifted in five weeks. The transfer took place Tuesday, five days earlier than scheduled.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officials, have said that things are going so well the launch may take place a few days earlier than the scheduled date of March 22.

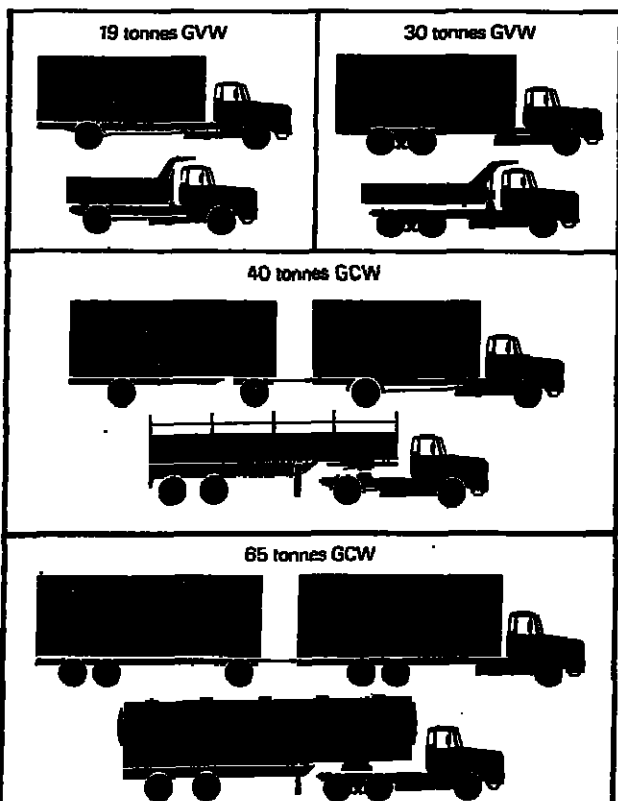
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On plotting charge

# Mugabe sacks coalition partner

SALISBURY, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe dismissed Joshua Nkomo, his main political rival, from the cabinet Wednesday in the wake of accusations that Nkomo was plotting a coup. Mugabe made the announcement at a news conference.

Mugabe announced a reshuffle of his cabinet in which Nkomo, two other cabinet ministers from Nkomo's party and the only deputy minister from Nkomo's party were fired. Earlier in the day, security sources had said the army and police were under orders to continue detentions of members of Nkomo's minority Zimbabwe African People's Union party. The sources said the offices and homes of ZAPU leaders also were being searched.

Mugabe, outright winner of Zimbabwe's independence election in April 1980, with 57 seats in the 100-seat parliament, invited Nkomo's party to join him in government for the sake of national unity following seven years of war between black nationalists and white rule.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe soldiers and police were under orders Wednesday to continue detentions of ZAPU party men and search offices and homes of its officials for evidence of an alleged coup, security sources said. An undisclosed number of officials and supporters of the Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU) have been detained under emergency powers regulations since more than 30 massive caches of arms were unearthed on ZAPU officials' properties early this month.

Nkomo met with Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) ministers hours after Home Affairs Minister Richard Hove announced that 11 companies owning farms, hotels and other businesses had been outlawed by presidential decree for alleged links to the hoarding of arms. Nkomo headed the board of five of the companies while ZAPU cabinet ministers and other party officials sat on the boards of the others.

Police and soldiers were busy investigating the activities of at least 44 other companies owned by Nkomo and other ZAPU officials, security sources told the Associated Press Wednesday. Disclosures of the extent of the multimillion-dollar empire of Nkomo and his colleagues have made headlines in the country's main newspapers, owned by the state-controlled Mass Media Trust and edited by Mugabe loyalists.

"ZAPU leadership from now on will have...a hell of a job to convince its rank and file that their party had not become a hydra-headed monster almost tilting toward capitalism," *The Salisbury Herald*, the country's main daily, commented in an editorial Wednesday. "They will have to explain that a party whose political philosophy is based on Soviet Union socialism had built an empire of wealth stretching from Plumtree to Umtali (towns respectively in the west and east)."

The newspaper, which Monday urged the government to try Nkomo for treason, called on the ZAPU leader to quit his post "while investigations are being carried out."

## China threatens execution of corrupt officials

PEKING, Feb. 17 (AP) — The Chinese regime has hinted that it will not hesitate to order the execution of some of the officials unmasked in the current anti-corruption drive.

In its latest issue, the Communist Party *Red Flag*, recalled that leading cadres did not prevent two top officials of Tianjin city from being executed during the two people's campaigns in 1951 and 1952 shortly after the Communists seized power.

Thousands of officials were condemned during the two campaigns on charges of corruption or embezzlement of state funds. The objectives of the present anti-corruption campaign in China are fairly similar to those of the earlier campaigns against corruption, wastage and bureaucracy.

Observers note that the regime has also revived a warning launched by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1949 against "sugar-coated bullets" — an allusion to attempts by the capitalist world to corrupt the Chinese.

## U.N. assembly on aging set in Vienna

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 17 (AP) — Not enough publicity has been given to the 1982 World Assembly on Aging, the advisory committee on the assembly was told here Tuesday. John McDonald, delegate from the United States, said his government had found that a number of countries did not even know there was going to be such a conference. The conference will take place in Vienna next July 26-Aug. 6.

McDonald urged that formal invitations to it be sent at once to all 157 U.N. member countries. He also prodded the secretary for the assembly to send out more information on it. Another American, William Kerrigan, is secretary-general of the conference.

Kerrigan said he had visited Africa, the Pacific, Latin America, Scandinavia and planned to visit Asia, while his colleagues traveled to the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, to mobilize interest in the conference.

Jeffrey Almoschea of Austria said his country would do all it could to make the assembly a success and hoped that a large number of other countries would take part.

The advisory committee, opening its second session, reelected the officers that had served at the first one last year — chairman, Anthony de Bomo of Malta, vice chairman, Mikail Lantsev of the Soviet Union, Ryoko Akamatsu of Japan and Olajumoke O. Obafemi of Nigeria, and rapporteur, Lucien J. Henaz of Surinam.

It decided that the assembly should have a bureau of 27 members, including a president.

## Coast Guardsman dies

# Ship blaze in U.S. contained

KALAMA, Washington Feb. 17 (AP) — A fire that has raged for more than two days aboard a beached grain freighter was still smoldering Wednesday, but officials believed tanks carrying 354,000 gallons of fuel were safe. One Coast Guard firefighter was killed and another was critically wounded in the fire, which began Sunday night.

Foam was applied Tuesday night to the 182-meter *Protector Alpha* to keep the blaze from spreading to the fuel tanks, said Lt. John Schott of the Coast Guard operations center in Seattle. The vessel is carrying about 2,000 tons of wheat. "We flooded the compartments over the fuel tanks, then sprayed foam over the water," Schott said. "That appears to be containing the fire."

In a decision that sparked some controversy, the vessel was cut loose from its moorage at the north Pacific grain growers terminal Sunday after the fire broke out. Grain employees feared the ship fire could endanger a nearby grain elevator. Coast Guard Capt. Kirk Greiner criticized the decision to cut the ship loose, noting the move temporarily stranded at least 25 firefighters on the vessel. They were rescued about half an hour later by tugs and fireboats.

But several other firefighting officials said the decision was a wise one, saying flames from the ship could have ignited grain dust. If the fire had spread to the elevator's grain-loading mechanism, "that elevator would have turned into one great big bomb," said a spokesman of the Kalama fire department.

The cause of the blaze, which began while workers were loading fuel onto the vessel, was being investigated. Alan E. Carbaugh, 22, of Tumalo, Oregon, a Coast Guardsman who suffered massive head injuries in an explosion aboard the vessel, died Tuesday, said a hospital spokesman in nearby Port-

land. A second man, Coast Guard chief warrant officer Joseph Hoffman, 41, of Vancouver, was reported in critical but stable condition. Three freighter crewmen were treated for smoke inhalation shortly after the fire broke out and a Seattle fire captain suffered multiple cuts.

The ship was reported owned by the Protectus Alpha Navigation Co. of Limassol, Cyprus. Thirty Filipino crewmen on board when the fire began left the freighter. The Merchant's Exchange of Portland said the vessel had come to Kalama from the Far East, with a stop in Astoria, Oregon, and was scheduled to take the wheat to Indonesia.

## Mozambican rebels claim seizure of depot

LISBON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Rebel guerrillas fighting Mozambique's Marxist government Wednesday claimed they held a key railway depot linking Zimbabwe to the port of Maputo in a direct challenge to last week's military agreement signed by the former Portuguese colony and Tanzania.

Evo Fernandes, Lisbon spokesman for the Mozambican National Resistance (RNM), said that rebel forces over-powered a combined Mozambican and Tanzanian force guarding the depot at Mabane last Sunday and withdrew a day later. The town is located some 250 kms north of Maputo, the capital, in Gaza province on the Limpopo River.

"We want to keep this important railway out of work," Fernandes stated after pointing to the importance of Mozambican lines to landlocked Zimbabwe. The rebels have effectively shut down the run since an attack on the town of Commobane, 70 kms northwest of Mabane on Dec. 17, he said.

## Inhuman treatment of unionist in South African jail alleged

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17 (R) — Controversy grew Wednesday over the death in police detention of a white trade union leader after veteran opposition politician Helen Suzman said he had been subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment.

Speaking in a special debate on the report of a government commission which investigated South Africa's tough security laws, Mrs. Suzman read a letter from an unidentified detainee which alleged that Dr. Neil Aggett had been beaten up.

The death of Dr. Aggett, the Transvaal secretary of a black workers' union, in his cell early this month, sparked protests in South Africa and abroad. Police said Dr. Aggett's death, the first of a white man in security police custody, was suicide.

Government spokesman rejected Mrs. Suzman's allegations and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said: "The member for Houghton (Mrs. Suzman) has proved here today that she can fabricate documents." Police Minister Louis Le Grange challenged her to name the detainee who had supplied the information. He also denied that Dr. Aggett had been ill-treated while in deten-

tion. "He had no injuries other than those which caused his death," Le Grange said.

According to civil rights groups, Dr. Aggett was the 46th person to die in security police detention since 1963. Mrs. Suzman had said that no matter what the findings of the post mortem on Dr. Aggett were, it was section 6 of the Terrorism Act that had killed him. Section 6 allows for virtually indefinite detention in solitary confinement without charges for purposes of interrogation.

Prime Minister P.W. Botha said earlier that the government had accepted in principle the report of a commission of inquiry into security legislation. The report, which was handed to parliament only two days before Dr. Aggett's death, recommended greater access to detainees.

In Canberra, Australia's parliament Wednesday agreed to send a message of deep sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Aggett. Opposition member of parliament Chris Hurford, who proposed the motion, said the South African government had provided no satisfactory explanation for the "outrageous situation" of Dr. Aggett's death.

## BRIEFS

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Organizers of the Miss Universe beauty contest announced Tuesday the selection of Lima as the venue of the 1982 Miss Universe pageant to be held in June. They said selection of Peru marks the first time a South American country has been chosen to host the event. The contest was held last year in New York City.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Regis Debray, special envoy of French President Francois Mitterrand, arrived here Wednesday as part of an Asian tour seeking information on refugees and the Southeast Asian and Cambodian political situations. A French Embassy official here said Debray, who is attached to the president's office, would discuss those topics with senior Thai Foreign Ministry, military and security officials, during a 36-hour stopover.

BOSTON (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is recovering one week after undergoing heart surgery, a Massachusetts General Hospital spokesman said Tuesday. Kissinger's recovery "is right on target," said a hospital spokesman. Last Wednesday, surgeons performed a triple bypass operation to improve circulation in Kissinger's heart.

ENGLEWOOD, New Jersey (AP) — Modern jazz pioneer pianist Thelonius Monk died here Wednesday after suffering a heart attack last week. He was 61.

NEW YORK (R) — Lee Strasberg, director of New York's Actor's Studio and a leading proponent of the "method" school of acting, died Wednesday after a heart attack. He was 80.

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## New offer to civil servants

## U.K. seeks to freeze pay of staff below 21

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — The British government Tuesday asked civil servants under 21 years of age and adults in their first year of service to accept a year's pay freeze under a pay package that raised the spectre of a repeat of last year's 21-week strike.

The pay freeze would apply to 65,000 of this country's 520,000 civil servants who went out on strike last March in selective walkouts and job slowdowns that crippled tax collection, disrupted travel and ambulance services. Government finances, courts and defense establishments were also thrown into turmoil.

The new pay offer brings Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government again into conflict with the civil servants who have demanded a 13 percent raise across the board with a minimum increase of 12.50 pounds (\$22.50) a week. The general secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, called the government's price freeze proposal "ludicrous, inept, stupid and offensive" and demanded arbitration of the 13 percent pay claim. Arbitration of pay claims was agreed in last year's settlement.

Civil service pay ranges from 4,838 pounds (\$8,708) a year for the lowest paid junior clerks and other manual workers to 35,475 pounds (\$66,855) for top-level officials.

The government's offer, the treasury said, is "designed to recognize and reward experience." The entire package will cost the taxpayer an estimated 170 million pounds (\$306 million) a year. The treasury said it was suggesting no pay increase for the young and

newly hired because "the civil service has no difficulty in recruiting staff it needs, in most cases, at present rates of pay."

The treasury said there would be improved allowances for skills and responsibility, ranging from 5 percent for proficiency in typing and data processing to about 11 percent for executives in data processing.

In another development, striking British rail engineers Tuesday accepted a mediator's formula for ending their disruptive five-week-old strike, but the state-run railroad refused to approve the package immediately.

The drivers, demanding payment of a seven percent wage increase negotiated last summer, brought the nation's 11,000-mile (17,700 km) rail network to a halt Tuesday for a 16th day. Another one-day strike is scheduled Thursday. The railroad has been paralyzed three days a week since the 24-hour strikes began Jan. 13.

A committee of inquiry headed by long-time labor troubleshooter Lord McCarthy Tuesday blamed both management and the union for the strike and set a one-week target for them to thrash out a solution.

The striking Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers, representing 25,000 workers, accepted the proposed settlement "as printed."

But BR chairman Sir Peter Parker said the railroad was withholding the disputed 3 percent wage hike until it received assurances from the union that it was committed to implementing more flexible work schedules negotiated along with the raise.

## Third World parley set

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Renewed foreign exchange unrest and the upturn of American interest rates could come into focus when Third World nations meet in New Delhi next week to discuss economic relations with the industrial world, experts here said.

They said representatives of over 30 developing countries, meeting to examine the broader North-South issues, could well join Western European governments in calling on the United States to act against rising interest rates and currency instability.

The problems of debt-ridden African, Asian and Latin American countries have been aggravated over the past 18 months by the rising cost of loans and the dollar's strength. They have been faced with a swelling debt service while dollar-priced oil imports have widened their payments deficits.

International financial experts, therefore, also foresee renewed pressure by developing countries for monetary reform when the top

policy-making bodies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank meet in Helsinki next May 12-14.

Western officials, meanwhile, see the New Delhi meeting as a significant event ahead of next May's ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris and the June 4-6 summit of seven leading industrial countries at Versailles, near the French capital.

These officials expect the New Delhi talks to bring forward at least some fresh ideas to break new ground in the long-delayed North-South dialogue. India called the meeting to examine the situation in the wake of last October's summit at Cancun, Mexico.

The unprecedented summit of leaders of eight industrial powers and 14 key developing nations was intended to give political impetus to "global negotiations" at the United Nations on major North-South issues in such fields as raw materials, energy, commerce, development, money and finance.

## Foreign cars hold 30% of French mart

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Nearly 30 percent of cars sold in France in 1981 were made overseas, but Japanese manufacturers captured only 2.54 percent of the market although they have been allocated up to three percent.

In 1980, foreign cars accounted for slightly more than 20 percent of sales. The precise figures for foreign sales are 28.15 percent, or 516,503 cars out of 1,834,826 in 1981 against 23.1 percent in 1980 after a level of 22 percent for several years.

The leading foreign manufacturer continued to be the West German Volkswagen firm which sold 122,212 vehicles, half of them the Golf Runabout car. This was an increase of 29,000 on 1980. Second came Ford which sold 101,336 cars, 44 percent of them Escorts. This was an increase of 33,000 on 1980.

The Italian Fiat group sold 82,574 cars, 30 percent of them Ritmos, representing an increase of 14,000 on 1980. General Motors came fourth, helped by sales of its Opel, Kadett and Ascona models to market a total of 34,670 vehicles, which is 900 more than in 1980.

The Italian Alfa Romeo firm saw its sales slip to 24,923, while the German BMW firm improved its performance by 7,300 to 24,521. The British Leyland group slipped back with sales of 23,996, while the Soviet Lada achieved sales of 19,324 against 13,069, and Mercedes-Benz reached 16,158 against 14,430.

Japanese manufacturers sold 46,761 cars against 54,987 in 1980, representing 2.54 percent of the market against 2.93.

## Greece may seek \$1.6b in loans

ATHENS, Feb. 17 (R) — Greece might have to borrow \$1.6 billion this year, slightly more than in 1981, in spite of substantial payments by the European Economic Community (EEC) and domestic production of oil for the first time, a Bank of Greece source has said.

The source said Monday net transfers from the EEC this year were estimated at \$500 million, while a mild winter and the country's first locally-produced crude would help save another \$500 million. But public sector foreign borrowing was put at \$1.5 to \$1.6 billion he added.

Official borrowing abroad, not including state-owned organizations, would be in the region of \$1 billion and the government was already seeking a \$400 million Eurocredit with a life of eight to 10 years, the source said. This would be its first approach to the Euromarket, he added.

Against high fares  
The nemesis of giant airlines strikes anew

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — Alleging he was overcharged 50 sterling (\$85) on a flight from London to Brussels, Lord Bethell stalked into the office of the Belgian airline Sabena and served a writ on the manager.

The English aristocrat, who lists his hobbies in "Who's Who" as playing cricket and poker, has become the nemesis of the Big Airlines in a seven-year campaign to bring down air fares in Europe.

The writ was his latest attack at the airlines and hit Sabena just three days after Sir Freddie Laker's cut-price airline folded under debts of 270 million sterling (\$510 million). It was clear demonstration that the collapse of Laker Airways after a four-year battle with the big airlines for cheap fares across the Atlantic, had not deflected Lord Bethell.

While Laker was a victim of too much cut-throat competition on the trans-Atlantic routes, Lord Bethell blames lack of competition for the high fares in Europe.

It annoys Lord Bethell intensely that he can fly some 8,000 miles (13,000 km) from London to Los Angeles for little more than it costs him to go 800 miles (1,300 kms) to Rome. Lord Bethell, a member of the European Parliament, reckons he has spent

45,000 sterling (\$85,000) on some 250 flights.

"Trans-Atlantic air fares are fixed by competition and European fares are fixed by a carve-up," fumes the 43-year-old hereditary baron. Fares in Europe average about 21-25 pence (39-47 cents) a mile compared with 8-13 pence (15-25 cents) in the United States.

Lord Bethell Laments the demise of Laker, which has long been trying to get into Europe and was only recently given permission to start flights from Britain to Switzerland.

However, Laker's low-cost no-frill trans-Atlantic Skytrain flight may yet be resurrected. Sir Freddie, folk hero of Britain's budget-conscious travelers-hopes to set up a new "people's airline" with another flamboyant British businessman Roland "Tiny" Rowland.

Rowland — who heads the giant Lonhro Trading Company and was once described by former Prime Minister Edward Heath as "the unacceptable face of capitalism" — has promised financial backing for the new scaled-down Skytrain venture. But it is already running into opposition from some politicians raising questions about Sir Freddie's credentials and from the other airlines

wanting to pick up his U.S. routes.

It will all depend whether Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) can be persuaded to renew the operating licenses to Sir Freddie.

CAA officials indicate that he will come under very close scrutiny and that it will take months, not days, to decide the licensing question. If Sir Freddie can get the new airline off the ground, he may yet help Lord Bethell and take the price war to Europe.

Laker had applied to fly to 30 European cities and reckoned he could cut some fares in half. Lord Bethell blames the European governments for keeping prices high, contravening the spirit of free competition enshrined in the Treaty of Rome. He hopes his writ against Sabena will end up a test case in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

He alleges that Sabena overcharged him a 125-sterling (\$238) round trip to Brussels, in breach of the free competition clause that founded the European Economic Community (EEC). Lord Bethell says: "Every air fare on every route has to be assigned by a government."

"Eight out of the 10 governments of the community seem determined to preserve the status quo and high fares."

## Laker gives up Lloyd's underwriting

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Sir Freddie Laker, whose airline Laker Airways went bust Feb. 5, has given up insurance underwriting at Lloyd's of London, the Organization said Tuesday.

Laker announced the move in a letter to the underwriting agent who acts on his behalf, according to John Davlin, spokesman for Lloyd's. Laker became one of the 19,000 underwriting members of Lloyd's in 1954 when members had to put up 75,000 pounds (then \$180,000) as a guarantee. That has since been increased to 100,000 pounds (\$180,000).

## U.S. releasing tin stockpile assailed

JAKARTA, Feb. 17 (AP) — Indonesian Mining and Energy Minister Subroto said Wednesday that Malaysia and Indonesia deeply regret that the United States is releasing its tin stockpile especially while the international market is "unfavorable" to producer countries.

Subroto told a news conference following a two-hour talk with Malaysian Primary Industries Minister Datuk Paul Leong that the U.S. action clearly violated the fifth international tin agreement (ITA) signed more than a year ago.

Leong arrived here earlier in the day, accompanying Deputy Prime Minister Datu Musa Hitam, who is on three-day official visit to Indonesia.

Subroto again appealed to the United

Lloyd's said in a statement "Sir Freddie Laker said that in view of considerable financial problems, and bearing in mind Lloyd's stiff test requirements, he felt it only right to cease underwriting forthwith."

"According to his request to remain a member of Lloyd's, Lloyd's hope that Sir Freddie's financial difficulties would soon be resolved and that he would be able to show the necessary means to start underwriting again."

Laker was one of the thousands of "silent" members who put the money for accepting insurance risks through a syndicate at Lloyd's.

States to stop the release of its tin stockpile, warning that Malaysia and Indonesia would "take further actions" otherwise. He did not elaborate.

Subroto said his discussions with Leong focused on tin prices and marketing. "We are mostly concerned about the prospect of the sixth ITA which is scheduled to become effective by next July," he said.

Meanwhile, London metal dealers firmly denied that they are "manipulating" the tin market as stated by the Malaysian Primary Industries Minister, Datuk Paul Leong.

Another investigation of the dealers is to held this week, the chairman of the market committee will be examining the individual firms position regarding tin in transit, afloat or arriving shortly to cover any sales already made.

## Ghana strikes oil accord with Iran

ACCRA, Feb. 17 (R) — Ghana is to buy oil from Iran, according to an Iranian special envoy here, following the cancellation of credit facilities by Nigeria, the country's main supplier.

The Ghana news agency quoted the envoy, identified as Hamid Moyer, as saying at the end of a two-day visit here Tuesday that Iran would supply the oil as soon as "technical problems" had been resolved.

The agency did not specify what the problems were or give details on the amount of oil Iran would sell to Ghana, which up to now has received most of its supplies from neighboring Nigeria.

## W.Germany lends \$48m to Jordan

AMMAN, Feb. 17 (R) — West Germany will give Jordan loans and technical assistance totaling about 16 million dinars (\$48 million) over the next two years, the West German Embassy has said.

The official Jordan news agency Petra said projects involved in the agreement, signed in Amman Monday, included irrigation and sewerage plans. The embassy said the agreement also provides scholarships for Jordanians to study in West Germany.

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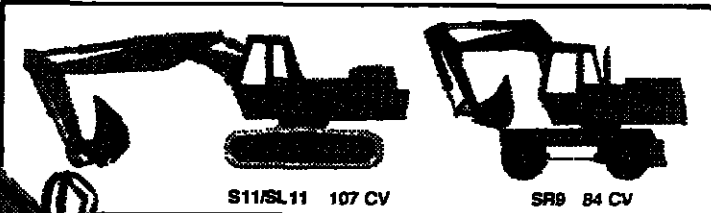
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Over trade, finance

# Rifts threaten EEC, Thorn says

STRASBOURG, Feb. 17 (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) must reduce political strains which threaten its future and give priority to industrial investment to fight unemployment, EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn has said.

In a keynote speech Tuesday to the European Parliament, Thorn said internal trade and financial disputes were splitting the 10-nation community and damaging its capacity for united action in the face of international crises.

He said protracted arguments over reform of the EEC's budget might just be a front disguising member governments' waning interest in a union of Europe.

Yet the nations of Europe faced irreversible decline if the EEC did not become more assertive on the world scene, where it faced growing trade frictions with Japan and the United States as well as difficulties with the Soviet bloc over Poland. Thorn said present economic policies would not prevent a further steady rise in unemployment which now affects more than 10 million people in the EEC.

Thorn said the relentless increase in unemployment was giving rise to protectionism among member states in industries as diverse as steel and poultry. These trends threatened the EEC's status as a single market, an asset without which the community could not survive.

Thorn said the community should adopt a plan allowing rational industrial investment programs to be topped up by EEC contributions. Such a plan should aim at modernizing the community's industrial infrastructure, which had suffered because EEC investment spending had lagged for years behind that of Japan and the United States.

Investment in energy projects was especially important to create jobs and ease the strain of an oil import bill now accounting for four percent of the community's gross domestic product (GDP) — the total goods and services produced. Thorn said the community's GDP might rise this year by less than the two percent previously predicted.

Meanwhile, Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens arrived in Washington Tuesday night to spearhead a West European challenge to President Ronald Reagan's economic policies.

Martens, chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers, planned to tell Reagan Wednesday that U.S. policies threatened economic recovery in Western Europe. EEC finance ministers complained last weekend that Reagan's proposed \$91.5 billion budget deficit would injure their economies by keeping interest rates high.

They agreed to use all channels to try to persuade U.S. to change policy. U.S. officials

got a foretaste of the EEC disquiet Tuesday when visiting Luxembourg Foreign Minister Colette Flesch told reporters: "The (interest) rate problem is hurting Europe's economies and I intend to tell the administration how we feel about it." West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff will arrive in Washington Friday to reinforce the EEC pleas for changes in U.S. policies.

The Europeans believe high U.S. interest rates have drained investment from West Europe and unduly strengthened the dollar against their currencies. But Reagan argues that interest rates will eventually come down if he wins his battle to reduce inflation.

Martens, who was accompanied by Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, was due to meet Reagan at the White House Wednesday and then have a working lunch with Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

As well as speaking for the 10-member EEC in its unhappiness with U.S. economic policy, Martens was expected to discuss European concern over demands by the United States to support its sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union.

Also likely to be raised was a continuing controversy over U.S. allegations that Belgium and other EEC countries had unfairly subsidized exports of steel and such agricultural products as flour, pasta, poultry and sugar.

## Poland's output, trade falls

WARSAW, Feb. 17, (R) — Polish industry, agriculture, and trade registered sharp falls in output in January, according to figures released by the Central Statistics Office.

The only exception was coal, where production — 15.4 million tons — rose by 5.1 percent over January 1981 and by 8.8 percent over December 1981.

The figures, reported Tuesday by the official news agency PAP, showed that in foreign trade, the volume of exports dropped by 18.5 percent and imports by 17.3 percent on a yearly basis. In trade with the Communist trade bloc, Comecon, exports fell by 2.9 percent and imports grew by 4.2 percent. With hard-currency countries, exports slumped by 29.4 percent and imports by 41.8 percent.

Production of natural gas fell by 8.9 percent, heating oils by 27.6 percent, aluminium by 53.4 percent, rolled steel by 29.0 percent, plastics by 28.5 percent and oil refining by 13.1 percent compared to the same 1981 period. Car production dropped by 46.4 percent.

Supplies of meat and poultry were down by 20 percent from December 1980, while cream, cheese, eggs, fish and animal fats were in short supply, PAP said.

State purchase of cereals amounted to 1.9 million tons last month, 21 percent less than a year ago. Purchase of livestock for slaughter fell by 15.2 percent from January 1981 but rose by 23.8 percent over December 1981.

## Coffee pact may help to curb prices

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — Coffee prices are rising on world commodity markets but an international pact aimed at smoothing out supplies should help to diminish the effects on the pockets of coffee drinkers.

The International Coffee Agreement (ICA), which sets export quotas with the aim of stabilizing the incomes of producing nations, is widely regarded as one of the few truly effectively commodity pacts now in operation and will enable further supplies to be released to the market if prices go on rising.

Since the agreement was reached last Sep-

tember, coffee for immediate delivery has increased from 1,080 sterling (\$1,990) a ton to almost 1,400 sterling (\$2,575). The price for deliveries around the middle of the year, when frosts hit Brazil, the world's leading producer, reached a 19-month high in London Tuesday.

The present ICA gives exporters the right to ship 56 million bags, each weighing 60 kg, in 1981-82 and the aim is to keep prices at between \$1.15 and 1.75 a pound. If a price of \$1.35 is maintained for 15 days, the total quota is increased by 672,000 bags, and by another one million bags when the 15-day average reaches \$1.40.

The overall quota can keep on rising to a maximum of 60.6 million bags if the \$1.40 level holds. The current 15-day average compiled by the International Coffee Organization (ICO) is \$1.3173 a pound.

Dealers said, however, that a further increase caused by seasonal factors now affecting the market should trigger the release of extra supplies. They attributed the current price rises for immediate delivery to shipping delays and the extra needs of roasters. They said that roasters, who process beans into instant coffee and other products, had run down stocks because high interest rates made it too expensive to keep extensive supplies.

With most processing of coffee down at this time of year, roasters were in the market to top up earlier purchases, the dealers said. They added that futures prices were high because of nervousness over the prospects of frost from about June onwards in Brazil. Frosts wiped out more than half the Brazilian crop in the mid-1970s, causing prices to soar to more than \$3.50 a pound.

## Manama bank nets \$17m gain

MANAMA, Feb. 17 (AP) — The Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait announced Wednesday a 73 percent increase in profits during 1981 — to 6.7 million Bahraini dinars (\$17.7 million) — and a 48 percent increase in capital to Bahraini dinars 62 million (\$1.6 billion).

Management has recommended raising allowed capital from Bahraini dinars 15 million (\$39.7 million) to Bahraini dinars 100 million (\$265 million) and to distribute dividends of 100 fills (\$30) per share or 19.5 percent of the profits.

Further recommendations included raising paid in capital from Bahraini dinars 13 million (\$34 million) to Bahraini dinars 17.3 million (\$45.8 million) through the distribution of free shares on a basis of one to three.

## BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) — British Leyland Wednesday unveiled a utility version of the mini-metro called the Metro-City, which will cost 3,500 pounds (about \$7,000) or 10 percent less than the cheapest model now available. It will be 15 pounds cheaper than the main competitor, the Ford Fiesta, but 17 pounds more than the Renault Five and 100 pounds more than the Talbot Samba.

MILAN (AFP) — Italy's steel production rose by 2.7 percent in January over January 1980. The industry has reported. But output of special steels fell by two percent.

KINGSTON, (AFP) — Jamaica's national airline is in financial difficulties and might close. Reliable sources said the Jamaican government plans to close down the airline, Air Jamaica, and turn over its routes between Eastern American and Canadian cities and Jamaica to Pan American Airways of the United States. But a spokesman for the state-owned airline said "I don't know of any such plan."

LONDON, (AFP) — Shipowners using the Jordanian Port of Aqaba have lost some

## Egypt clips \$1 from oil price

CAIRO, Feb. 17, (R) — Egypt has reduced its oil price by one dollar a barrel because of the world glut, an oil official said Wednesday.

The cut, the latest indication of the pressure on prices caused by persistent oversupply which has alarmed oil producers, lowers the price of a barrel of Egyptian light crude to \$33 and came into effect Feb. 1.

Egypt exports about 200,000 barrels per day (BPD) of its production of about 650,000 bpd, and sells its crude according to contracts. Asked how the country will make up the loss in oil revenues because of the price cut, the official said: "The loss is not important, what is important is to market your production."

In another development on the oil front, Venezuelan Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said in Caracas Wednesday he saw no reason for an emergency OPEC meeting before next May to discuss how to cope with the current decline in world oil demand. Calderon had been asked to comment on a newspaper interview in which Mana Said Al-Oteibi, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, was quoted as saying he was in touch with colleagues on a possible early meeting of OPEC before its scheduled conference in Quito on May 20. The Venezuelan minister told journalists: "We have been in touch with the other OPEC countries and most of us believe there is no point in meeting if there is nothing concrete as a basis for decisions."

## Italian city hosts world food fair

By Hussein Dakroub

RIMINI, Italy, Feb. 17 — The Italian city of Rimini is currently the venue for the 12th International Hotel and Catering Fair. The fair, which was inaugurated Sunday, Feb. 14, by the president of the Emilia-Romagna Regional Council, Ottorino Bartolini, will continue until Feb. 21.

The fair which focuses mainly on foodstuffs, is considered here as Italy's leading food exhibition and the third one in Western Europe. It is organized by Italian independent groups recognized by the government in close cooperation with the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade. These groups specialize in supplying food-stuffs to hotels, restaurants, hospitals and schools.

A total of 801 companies — out of which 303 are foreign, are participating in the fair which takes place every year in this city on the Adriatic Sea. The foreign companies represent 27 countries: mainly from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Holland, Belgium and Cuba.

This year's fair drew 20 participating companies more than last year's. The fair pavilions and the exhibitors' stands occupy an area of 23,000 square meters.

Rodolfo Lopes Pegna — president of the Rimini Fair Board — told Arab News that the Rimini fair is seeking to promote trade and economic relations with Arab countries, especially the Gulf states. "Every year delegations from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states visit Rimini to discuss trade and economic matters of mutual interest," Lopes Pegna said. "Rimini is a bridge between Italy and the Arab countries."

## Brazil, S. Yemen sign oil hunt deal

BAHRAIN, Feb. 17 (R) — A Brazilian oil firm has signed an exploration contract with Marxist South Yemen, which has long sought to tap its underground mineral resources, according to an oil industry journal.

The Nicosia-based *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES) said in this week's issue that Braspetro, the international operations subsidiary of the Brazilian state-owned oil firm Petrobras, will explore an area of 42,000 square kilometers (about 16,400 square miles).

Under the contract with the Yemen National Oil Company, Braspetro will drill six test sites in the concession area lying between the eastern governorates of Maatra and Hadhramaut, MEES said. It gave no other details.

The Italian oil company Agip and the Soviet Union have been reported to be drilling in South Yemen, which believes it has commercial quantities of oil in the eastern half of the impoverished country. In June, 1980, the World Bank gave South Yemen a \$9 million cheap loan for oil exploration promotion projects.

\$1.5 million in the last 18 months through the loss of goods in sacks, the International Maritime Bureau has reported here. Aqaba is Jordan's only port, and has become one of the main points of access into Iraq since the outbreak of war between Iraq and Iran. About 2,000 tons of goods are reported to be missing.

FINDLAY, (AFP) — The Marathon Oil Company has announced agreement on the sale of its Canadian subsidiaries to Aberford Resources Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta, for \$225 million. The subsidiaries are estimated to have reserves of 17 million barrels of oil and 247,000 million cubic feet of gas.

LONDON, (AFP) — The Soviet Union has bought 56,000 bales of raw jute from India for shipment between January and March, it was learned in trade circles Wednesday. The contract, worth about \$1.3 million is thought to be the biggest purchase the Soviet Union has ever made. Market prices for raw jute are currently weak, and stocks in India are high at an estimated 300,000 bales.

## Dollar continues to slide

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — The American currency was weaker Wednesday in line with the general trend in New York Tuesday night. With the American bourses re-opening Tuesday night after the Monday holiday, the dollar eased from Tuesday levels as operators cut back on dollar positions held. Eurodollar deposit rates fell back by between 1/16 to 1/8 percent in most tenors, but Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates remained firm at 16 1/2 percent with little signs that the American central bank was injecting liquidity into the system to ease interest rates further.

In the bullion markets, gold was stable at \$375.375 per ounce Wednesday, but with bullion dealers reporting slight activity. The local markets were also quiet Wednesday with spot exchange rates for the riyal/dollar hardly moving from 3.4205-10 levels all day.

In the money markets, riyal deposit rates eased between 1/4 to 1/2 percent in most tenors with sharper falls recorded in the shorter end of the market.

With the re-opening of the New York markets Tuesday night, Eurodollar deposit rates fell back from the high levels seen in Europe Monday and Tuesday. New York operators were confident however, that dollar rates in general would continue to rise and pointed out to commercial bank moves Tuesday night in raising broker loan rates to 17 percent from 16 1/2 percent levels. What was more significant however, was that there was no move to raise prime bank rates from present levels of 16 1/2 percent, despite the fact that this was expected by European dealers.

In London Wednesday, Eurodollar dep-

osit rates continued their falls and the three-month key indicator rate was quoted at 16 9/16 — 16 1/2 percent compared with 16 1/4 — 16 1/2 percent Tuesday. Longer term tenors were also slightly down by 1/16 percent to stand at 16 1/4 — 16 7/16 percent for the one year.

In the European exchanges, the German mark recovered some ground to trade at 2.3860 compared with 2.4010 levels Tuesday. With little observed central bank intervention support Wednesday other European currencies also rose to take the pound sterling to 1.8360, the French franc to 6.0610, the Swiss franc to 1.9030 and the Japanese yen to 238.20 by late afternoon trading. In the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates also reflected the downward trends for the dollar and traded thinly at 3.4205-10 levels for most of the day.

In the local markets, riyal interest rates opened comparably weaker than Tuesday's rates with one-month JIBOR being quoted at 15 — 15 1/2 percent and the one-year at 14 1/4 — 15 1/2 percent. On Tuesday, the rates for the same tenors were 15 1/4 — 16 1/4 percent and 15 1/2 — 16 percent respectively. In the short dated fund market, week fixed rates also eased to 14 — 14 1/2 percent from Tuesday levels of 15 — 15 1/2 percent. Besides the general dollar weakening, injection of riyal liquidity has helped to keep local rates down.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	372.75
Paris	373.94
Frankfurt	376.98
Zurich	374.50
Hong Kong	378.59

## France names public sector heads

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AP) — In a sweeping reshuffle of nationalized corporations, the French government Wednesday announced new administrators for the five industrial groups, two financial holding companies and 28 banks which were formally nationalized last week.

The changes spread to previously nationalized banks, the state-owned coal mining industry and the treasury. The government also announced the creation of a new French energy agency (Agence Francaise de l'Energy) to boost energy conservation and

the development of renewable energy resources. It will incorporate the existing agency for energy conservation and commission for solar energy, among other bodies.

The new leaders of the three industrial groups are Jean-Pierre Brunet, former ambassador to West Germany at Compagnie Generale d'Electricite (CGE)-Alain Gomez, formerly a director of a division of Saint-Gobain, to head Thomson-Brandt, and George Besse, former head of the nuclear fuel company Cogema, to head Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	283.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.50	143.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.25	130.85
Egyptian Pound	3.50	3.92
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	37.25	36.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.00	55.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.98
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	6.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.30	27.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.30
Jordanian Dinar	9.99	9.86
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.99
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.00	69.90
Moroccan Dirham (100)	58.50	60.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.75
Pound Sterling	6.31	6.26
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.10
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	161.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.95
Swiss Franc (100)	180.00	179.15
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	—	58.00
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	63.50
Yemeni Rial (100)	3.429	3.422
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90

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Gold kg.	41,300	41,300
10 Tola bar	4,380	4,380
Ounce	1,320	1,290

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Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, Saudi Telephone	Supply of stationery	12053	50	22.2.82
Education Ministry	Supply and installation of dynamo in some schools in various areas for 1401/1402H	79/M	250	23.2.82
Abqiq Municipality	Fencing of the new and old Ain Dar graveyards	—	500	27.2.82

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5.	Nemea	S.C.S.A.	Barley	14.2.82
6.	Orava	Attar	Timber/Sugar	11.2.82
7.	Horizon	Bamaodah	Barley/General	15.2.82
8.	Claudia Koegel	Shobokshi	Gen/Const. Equip/ & Materials	10.2.82
10.	World Trader	Bamaodah	Barley	7.2.82
11.	Olympiakos	Gulf	Barley	10.2.82
12.	Saudi Enterprise	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Sugar/Timb/Steel	12.2.82
13.	Ionian Carrier	Relacco	Bulk Cement	12.2.82
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28.	Mykonos	M.T.A.	Meat/Fish/Poultry	11.2.82
29.	Ashraf Al Aowal	O.C.E.	Eggs/Chicken	15.2.82
36.	Rhine Maru	O.C.E.	Containers	17.2.82
39.	Tropical Sun	Orr	Bananas	11.2.82
40.	Maldiva Sea	Orr	Gen/Tents/Cars/Foodstuffs	16.2.82
41.	Saleh II	O.C.E.	General	15.2.82
42.	El Jumbo	Al Sabah	Barley	12.2.82
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4.	Khairpur	SEA	General	12.2.82
5.	Georgios Koropoulos	OCE	General	16.2.82
6.	Arenia-K	UEP	General	3.2.82
7.	Pike Bank	Kanoo	Gen/Conts/Rice	16.2.82
8.	Mangal Asha	OCE	General	16.2.82
9.	Banglar Joy	SCSA	Loading Urea	13.2.82
10.	Golden Venture	Orr	Bulk Bauxite	10.2.82
11.	Island Star	Alseada	General	16.2.82
13.	Union Hodeidah	OCE	General/Conts	14.2.82
15.	Kader Baksh	SEA	Rice/Maltze in Bags	16.2.82
16.	Icaros	UEP	General	15.2.82
19.	Al Aridiah	Kanoo	General	16.2.82
22.	Garnet Ace	AET	Cars	16.2.82
26.	Tohgo Maru	Kanoo	Containers	12.2.82
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## To snap three-game losing streak

## Lakers halt Supersonics' late comeback

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Although the Los Angeles Lakers and Seattle Supersonics have the best records in the National Basketball Association's Western Conference, neither has had much success lately.

Something had to give when they played Tuesday night, and it was Seattle. Although the Sonics outscored the Lakers 19-3 in a four-minute span late in the game, it wasn't nearly enough as Los Angeles took over first place in the Pacific Division with a 108-101 victory.

The Lakers, who snapped a three-game losing streak, improved their record to have a half-game edge over the Sonics, who have lost four straight.

"I'm very pleased with our effort in the second-half, but there's no question that physical and mental fatigue hurt us," said Seattle coach Lenny Wilkens. "We've done a lot of traveling before and after the All-Star break. The Lakers looked very good, but they still have to come up to Seattle. They were the better team Tuesday night."

In other NBA games, Dallas edged New York 112-110; Detroit trimmed Houston 111-109; Phoenix tripped Chicago 91-86; Denver bombed Kansas City 119-106; Washington nipped Portland 100-97 and Atlanta beat San Diego 102-91.

Starters Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Norm Nixon led the Lakers with 26 and 22 points, respectively, but coach Pat Riley was most pleased with the play of his bench. "Jim Brewer came in and did a great job of neutraliz-



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

ing Lonnie Shelton," said Riley of his substitute forward, who had a game-high 12 rebounds in just 22 minutes of play. "And Bob McAdoo is really coming around lately. The hunger is back in his heart."

McAdoo had 15 points in 21 minutes in his 21st game since being acquired from New Jersey. Seattle rallied from a 62-48 half-time deficit in the third quarter and trailed 84-78 at the end of the period. But the Lakers made their nine field-goal attempts in the fourth quarter to take a 102-82 lead with 2:42 left. Then the Sonics put on their 19-3 rally and

trailed 105-101, with 1:42 remaining. They didn't score again, however, and the Lakers added one free throw by Earvin "Magic" Johnson and a field goal by Nixon for their final margin. Seattle's Gus Williams was the game's leading scorer with 30 points, 21 in the second-half, while Shelton and Jack Sikma had 18 each.

Mavericks 112, Knicks 110: Rookie Jay Vincent scored 40 points, but it was a corner jumper by Wayne Cooper with one second remaining that gave Dallas its third straight victory.

Another rookie, Ronaldo Blaczan, had 15 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter to help the Mavericks beat New York, which got 29 points from Michael Ray Richardson. The Mavs had a 110-107 lead before Campy Russell's three-point goal tied the score with 14 seconds left, setting up Cooper's game-winning shot.

Suns 91, Bulls 86: Phoenix snapped a seven-game losing streak on the road by beating Chicago, which has lost nine of its last matches. Dennis Johnson led the Suns with 18 points and Kyle Macy scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. Frickie Sobers paced the Bulls with 18 points.

Nuggets 119, Kings 106: Denver kept Kansas City on the losing track on the road as the Kings lost their 22nd straight away from home. Alex English, who has averaged 30 points in five games against the Kings, scored 24 to pace the Nuggets. English had 14 of his points in the second quarter, when Denver

outscored the Kings 23-10 in the final minutes to take a 62-50 half-time lead.

Pistons 171, Rockets 109: Rookie Kelly Tripucka celebrated his 23rd birthday by scoring 30 points as Detroit snipped Houston's eight-game winning streak. Tripucka, who has been averaging just under 30 points in the last seven games, joined guard John Long in a second-half flurry that helped Detroit take a 104-94 lead.

The Rockets, who got 34 points from Moses Malone, outscored the Pistons 14-6 to cut the lead to 110-108 with 22 seconds remaining. But a free throw by Kent Benson gave Detroit a three-point lead with six seconds to play.

Hawks 112, Clippers 91: Eddie Johnson scored 29 points, 10 of them in the first quarter when Atlanta took the lead for good over San Diego, which has lost six in a row. The Hawks led by as many as 19 points in the first-half and had 57-41 half-time edge. San Diego cut the deficit to five points with 2:16 left, but Johnson scored the last six Atlanta points to seal the victory. Rookie Al Wood, who was traded to the Clippers from Atlanta last month scored a career-high 25 points.

Bullets 100, Blazers 97: Guard Frank Johnson's three-point play with 42 seconds left lifted Washington past Portland. Johnson's basket and free throw gave the Bullets a 98-96 lead. After Portland's Billy Ray Bates made one of two free throws, the Bullets iced the game with free throws by Spencer Haywood and Don Collins. Greg Ballard led Washington with 22 points.



Ian Botham...strikes early

Score-board	
Sri Lanka (1st innings):	
B. Warnapunga c Gower b Willis	2
S. Wettimuny c Taylor b Botham	6
R. Dias c Cook b Willis	0
D. Mendis lbw Botham	17
R. Madugalle batting	64
A. Ranatunga b Underwood	54
D.S. de Silva c Gower b Underwood	13
A. de Mel c Fletcher b Underwood	19
L. Kaluperuma c Gower b Underwood	1
Extras:	187
Total: (for 8 wks)	187
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-22, 3-29, 4-34, 5-133, 6-149, 7-181, 8-183	
Bowling: Willis 17-6-36-2; Botham 12-2-34-2; Elliot 13-4-44-0; Underwood 14-1-5-18-4; Embury 16-3-44-0.	

## Sri Lanka stages brief rally

COLOMBO, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Sri Lanka's fortunes fluctuated sharply in its inaugural cricket Test and they were 183 for eight wickets at the end of the opening day of the five-day match against England Wednesday.

Sri Lanka, granted Test status by the International Cricket Conference (ICC) last July, recovered in style after a dismal start only to be rocked by a four-wicket burst from left-arm spinner Derek Underwood. The country's President, Janius Jayawardene, and cricket officials from England and India graced the significant occasion.

Sri Lanka captain Bandula Warnapura used a special gold coin for the toss but after he won it the Island slumped to 34 for four on an easy-paced pitch. Arjuna Ranatunga, a 18-year-old schoolboy, inspired a recovery by hitting 54 and added 99 for the fifth-wicket with Ranjan Madugalle, who was top-scorer with an unbeaten 64. But Underwood, exploiting rough patches outside the leg stump caused by other bowlers, struck as Sri Lanka slipped from 133 for four to 183 for eight, after Willis and Botham laid down the early damage.

In the very last over off the day Lalith Kaluperuma was caught by Gower off Underwood to leave the left arm spinner with figures of 4 wickets for 18 runs.

## Holmes lashes out at 'injured' Cooney

LAS VEGAS, Nevada Feb. 17 (AP) — World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes lashed out at injured Gerry Cooney Tuesday, saying the challenger and his managers wanted to push the March 15 title bout back to the May-June date they had wanted all along.

"They are doing a good job of conniving and scheming," Holmes said. "They're just afraid he'll lose his big payday." Holmes said he felt certain the fight, which was to guarantee each boxer \$10 million, will be called off. But he questioned Cooney's shoulder injury and said football players come back every week after being injured.

He told of meeting a man in a wheelchair earlier Tuesday and the man told him, "I'll fight you for a million bucks." Cooney's ailing shoulder was examined in New York this week by Dr. Jeffrey Minkoff, his personal physician and an orthopedic surgeon. Holmes said he felt sorry and disappointed for the people who had invested both time and money in the bout.

"If Cooney is sick, my heart reaches out for him," Holmes added. Then he charged that Cooney was "afraid of his own shadow," and had never wanted to fight him. Holmes said Cooney had simply "postponed the agony," adding, "Gerry Cooney has now become looney Cooney," and that he had "Created an injury within his mind."

Holmes said that if the fight is postponed, he will leave Wednesday morning for his home in Easton, Pennsylvania, and that handlers were making arrangements for that. The champion said he had to fight every three or four months to stay sharp and that March will be the fourth month since his last fight. He said promoters were now "looking for someone for me to fight," next month.

He mentioned as possibilities, Jimmy Young, Randy "Tex" Cobb and Larry Frazier but said any decision as to time, place and opponent would depend on the promoters.

"He went home to momma," Holmes said of Cooney. "When momma wants him to come out, he will. He knows what I can do to him." He called Cooney a phony and said, "He thinks he's more than he is."

Holmes said he would "be broke," if he quit all the fights when something went wrong. He said in his battle with Ken Norton he had ligament injuries in his left arm but won the fight anyway.

Attempts were made to contact Cooney's co-managers, Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones, but neither was available to comment on Holmes' charges. Home Box Office, which reportedly had acquired delayed rights to the telecast of the fight, said Monday night that it had learned the bout had been postponed. But there was no immediate confirmation.

## Sugar Ray to take on Stafford

RENO, Nevada, Feb. 17 (R) — Sugar Ray Leonard, fresh from one of the easiest victories of his career, said Tuesday that he would next defend his world welterweight title against Roger Stafford sometime in May or June.

Leonard disposed of challenger Bruce Finch, ranked No. 6 contender by the World Boxing Council (WBC), Monday night in one minute 50 seconds of the third round after outclassing him and knocking him down three times.

Stafford, 26, has a professional record of 18 wins, two defeats and a draw. He is ranked No. 3 contender by the World Boxing Association (WBA) and No. 4 by the WBC. The title shot is contingent on Stafford beating David Madrid of Mexico in a 10-round bout in Atlantic City March 2.

But Leonard did little to dispel a notion that he regarded a fight against Stafford as another tuneup before he moved on to bigger

and more lucrative fights. "I'm going to knock him out. Maybe he'll go in four (rounds)," Leonard said.

His most likely next opponent would seem to be either Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight champion, or Alexis Arguello, the WBC lightweight champion. Leonard's manager, Angelo Dundee, and his lawyer-adviser, Mike Trainer, both seemed reluctant for Leonard to move up in weight to challenge Hagler. They would prefer Arguello, who defended his title last Saturday by stopping James Busceme in the sixth round, to step up to the welterweight division.

"We're negotiating with Arguello," Leonard said. "Maybe something will materialize in the fall." Stafford was at ring-side last night and was duly impressed by the champion. "I've got to hand it to Sugar Ray," Stafford said. "He's got it all. He's a complete boxer-puncher."



Larry Holmes... ready for a fight

## Britain retains same squad for Davis Cup

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Australia's curly-haired tennis favorite, Paul McNamee, has been invited to help prepare Britain's Davis Cup team for the first round match against Italy in Rome next month.

McNamee, who along with Peter McNamara forms the world class doubles team has been spending a few days holiday. But he has found time — together with the British team's trainer, Mark Cox — to put the side through its paces at Wimbledon each day as it prepares to take on the Italians from March 5 to 7.

Team manager Paul Hutchings Wednesday announced his side and, as expected, it is the one which took Britain to the semifinals of last year's competition — Buster Mottram, Richard Lewis, Jonathan Smith and Andrew Jarrett.

It was an outstanding run which, coincidentally, began with a shock 3-2 win against the Italians in the first round at Brighton, but next month's tie, played on the slow outdoor courts in Rome, must make Italy favorites to gain revenge, through Hutchings, as ever, is optimistic.

Hutchings said: "Getting accustomed to European clay again after playing indoors is a problem which needs careful preparation. Italy, with home advantage, are one of the strongest European nations, but I think we have a good chance of winning, especially as Buster is at his best on clay and beat Adriano Panatta when we played Italy in Rome in 1979. He has also just reached the semifinals of the Grand Prix Tournament in Memphis and is obviously in good form."

Hutchings admitted he had considered John Lloyd for a possible recall to the team, but added: "Two facts swayed me. The match is on clay, and more importantly Richard Lewis has clearly established himself as No. 2 not only in the national rankings but also on recent results."

## City draws Tottenham

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Ipswich Town, which roared back into championship contention with a 5-2 midweek victory over Southampton faces a stern task away to resolute Leeds United Saturday.

Shell-shocked Southampton, meanwhile, will have a chance to recover from Tuesday's mauling with a home First Division match against out-of-form West Ham, a team which has recorded only two away victories.

Second-placed Manchester United and third-placed Arsenal meet at Old Trafford in the top match of the day. Arsenal are in championship contention despite averaging less than a goal a game, and United captain Ray Wilkins will not be underestimating the London team.

Liverpool currently in superb form, should further boost its championship challenge by

recording a home victory against hapless Coventry City. Coventry lost 1-5 at home to Notts County in midweek.

Of the other championship contenders, Swansea is away to Sunderland, while Manchester City and Tottenham meet at White Hart Lane in a repeat of last season's FA Cup final.

Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw has a pleasant problem. His team is playing so well that he cannot find a place for Scottish international striker Steve Archibald, the club's top scorer last season.

Birmingham's first match assignment for new manager Ron Saunders will be against the club Saunders quit last week — Aston Villa, while managerless Wolverhampton Wanderers travel to face in-form Notts County.

## Uruguay downs Yugoslavia

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 17 (AP) — A first-half goal by midfielder Enzo Francescoli enabled Uruguay to edge Yugoslavia 1-0 Wednesday in a hard-fought match at the inaugural Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup International Soccer Tournament here.

Rough tackling of rival forwards marred play in the first-half. The two teams played exciting soccer before 70,000 spectators who packed Calcutta's Eden Gardens. A shower just before the start of the match made the ground slippery.

Uruguay, with five World Cup players in its team, came near scoring in the second minute but striker Velencio Ramos shot feebly following a beautiful midfield solo run by Washington Gonzalez, Yugoslavia, which had ace defender Martich, retaliated with a penetrating raid. However, Chelar's hit was neatly blocked by Uruguayan skipper and goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez.

Uruguay surged into the lead toward the

end of the first-half after Francescoli and left-striker Jorge Dasilva pierced through the rival defense line and Francescoli's shot beat goalkeeper Karlich. The South American team could have scored another goal a few minutes later but a powerful free kick by Velencio Ramos hit the bar.

In the second-half, Yugoslavia tried hard for an equalizer, but muffed several easy chances because of poor shooting. The Yugoslavs lost their last chance in the 72nd minute when midfielders Nelson Agresta's feeble hit from inside the box was fisted out by Rodriguez.

The 17-day, six-nation tournament, named after India's first Prime Minister was inaugurated Tuesday by his daughter, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Host India came from behind to hold China to a 1-1 draw Tuesday in the opening match of the championship. On Thursday, Yugoslavia will clash with India.

## BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — Gil Perreault and Dale McCour scored goals — Perreault's equalizing Rik Martin's club record of 382 career goals — leading the Buffalo Sabres to a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues in a National League Hockey game Tuesday night. Miroslav Frycer scored three goals and Peter Stastny paced Quebec to 7-3 win over Winnipeg. Calgary Flames beat Hartford Whalers 7-2.

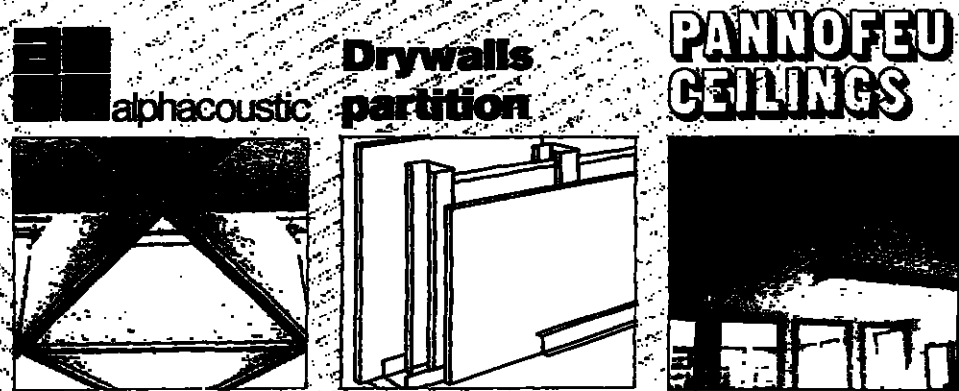
BOMBAY, India (AP) — India and Pakistan were concerned in a 2-2 draw in the first junior field Hockey International in Bombay. At half-time, the two sides were tied 1-1. The second match in the four-international series in India will be played in the southern City of Hyderabad Friday 22.

MELBOURNE, (AFP) — "Yachting enthusiasts from 12 countries are assembling in Port Phillip Bay near Melbourne to determine the World Firtball Sailing Championship in early March. Yachts have already arrived from Canada, the United States, Ireland, Kenya, Zimbabwe, West Germany, Switzerland, India, and Papua-New Guinea.

MANCHESTER, (AFP) — English rugby league player, Howard Thomas, aims to become Britain's heavyweight boxing champion. Thomas, 23, is already in training for his first professional fight, early next month, after being spotted on the rugby field as a likely future champion by Manchester boxing promoter, Brian Robinson.

PERTH (AP) — A sparkling 102 by captain Salim Malik took Pakistan to a strong position at the close on the opening day of third Under-19 Cricket Test against Australia at the WACA ground here Wednesday. Pakistan were 260 for six when stumps were drawn.

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As Brazil boots in all five

# Ipswich crushes Southampton

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Alan Brazil of Ipswich, celebrating his call-up to the Scottish national soccer team, cracked all the goals in his club's 5-2 hammering of Southampton in the First Division of the English Soccer League Tuesday night.

Ipswich, hit by injuries and on the wake of defeats in the last five games, including a 2-1 humbling by Second Division side Shrewsbury in the Football Association (FA) Cup fifth round Saturday, bounced back with one of the most convincing performances of the season as it stunned league leaders Southampton. Though the defeat did not affect Southampton's position at the top, Ipswich climbed to the sixth position — six points behind and five games in hand — one spot ahead after plummeting down from the top position.

Brazil struck his goals in a six minute burst

Soccer results		
English F.A. Cup (5th round)		
Orient	0	Crystal Palace 1
Division One		
Arsenal	1	Middlesbrough 0
Birmingham	2	Sunderland 0
Coventry	1	Notts County 0
Ipswich	5	Southampton 2
Swansea	2	Liverpool 0
Wolverhampton	0	Nottingham Forest 0
Division Two		
Blackburn	2	Q.P. Rangers 1
Oldham	2	Norwich 0
Rotherham	3	Shrewsbury 0
Sheffield Wednesday	0	Bolton 1
Division Three		
Walsall	1	Huddersfield 1

early in the first-half before Dave Puckett pulled one back in the 44th minute. As Ipswich went in for the interval with a 3-1 lead, Brazil hammered two more after the break to set an Ipswich scoring record and end Southampton's seven-match unbeaten streak. England captain Kevin Keegan replied for the visitors, Southampton, in the 47th minute.

European champions Liverpool, beaten by Chelsea in the FA Cup Saturday, were unable to match the Ipswich revival. Liverpool went down 2-0 at Swansea, as the Welsh side moved closer to the top of the Division One table. Leighton James celebrated his 29th birthday with a 75th minute goal and Alan Curtis hit another just before time.

Arsenal slotted into third place behind Southampton and Manchester United, who were without a game Tuesday, notched up a 1-0 victory over struggling Middlesbrough. The home win was witnessed by the lowest attendance — Arsenal's lowest gate for 15 years as less than 14,000 spectators watched the proceedings — saw Graham Rix score the all-important goal.

Other First Division clubs also faced poor gates. Lowly Wolverhampton Wolves attracted just 11,000 customers for their goalless draw with Nottingham Forest, while the 10,776 gate was Birmingham's second lowest this season as it scored a 2-0 victory over Sunderland. The win improved Birmingham's chances of escaping the relegation axe. Dutch winger Tony Van Mierlo headed the first goal in the first-half and Frank Worthington booted the second just as the final whistle blew.

Coventry, who have reached the FA Cup quarterfinals, suffered its fifth straight league defeat, beaten 5-1 by visiting Notts County. Coventry trailed 2-1 at half-time and the margin of defeat would have been bigger had not three goals been disallowed for offside. Mark Hateley got his side's only goal. The Notts County scorers were Mark Godwin, Rachid Harkouk, Gordon Mair, Trevor Christie and Kruike.

In the replayed and last FA Cup fifth round encounter, Crystal Palace made the quarterfinals with a 1-0 victory over Orient in the all-Second Division clash. Crystal Palace have been drawn against London neighbors Queen's Park Rangers, beaten 2-1 by Blackburn in a Division Two game, in the quarterfinals.

Meanwhile, Paul Mariner this week faces an Achilles tendon operation that could decide whether or not he plays in the World Cup finals to be held in Spain.

Ipswich Town's and England striker, troubled by the injury for a year, enters hospital Wednesday. The operation will keep him out for a minimum of six weeks, but Mariner sees it as his one hope of being fully fit to lead England's challenge in Spain this summer.

England manager Ron Greenwood, who Monday named an international selection of the year for next week's game against Northern Ireland, has been in touch with Mariner about the injury. That is encouraging for Mariner, but his absence will be a blow for Ipswich, already hit by injuries to England defenders Terry Butcher and Russel Osman and Dutch midfielder star, Frans Thijssen.



POISED TO STRIKE: Queen's Park Rangers' Clive Allen is poised to take a strike at the Grimsby goal in the FA Cup tie, which the Rangers won, last Saturday. The Rangers, however, lost 2-1 to Blackburn Tuesday.

## Chile, France name probables for World Cup

SANTIAGO, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Chilean soccer coach Luis Santibañez has not produced any surprises among the 28 players named Tuesday from which he will choose his squad for the World Cup finals.

The selection, of whom 22 will travel to Spain for the finals starting in June, includes all the men who played a key role in securing Chile's place ahead of South American Group Three qualifying rivals Paraguay and Ecuador.

Veteran defender Elias Figueroa and talented young winger Patricio Yanez, Chile's trump card for the Cup, are featured in the list which comprises: Goalkeepers: Mario Osben, Oscar Wirth, Matcos Cornez. Defenders: Mario Galindo, Lizardo Garrido, Enzo Escobar, Wladimir Bogorra, Luis Hormazabal, Elias Figueroa, Mario Soto, Rene Valenzuela, Hector Diaz, Oscar Rojas.

Midfield: Rodolfo Dabo, Eduardo Bonvallet, Armando Alarcon, Raul Ormeno, Carlos Rivas, Orlando Mondaca, Miguel Angel Neira, Manuel Rojas. Forwards: Patricio Yanez, Oscar Herrera, Carlos Caszely, Juan Carlos Letelier, Miguel Angel Gamboa, Gustavo Moscoso, Hector Fuenla.

Meanwhile, in Paris, French World Cup soccer team coach Michel Hidalgo Tuesday unveiled his 18-man squad for the Feb. 23 warm-up match for June's World Cup finals in Spain.

Hidalgo's lineup for the Italian match in Paris included a mix of established players and promising newcomers, such as defensive back Manuel Amoros of Monaco and forward Daniel Bravo of Nice, whom the coach wants to see in action before making his final selections.

The selections announced were: Goalies: Dominique Baratelli (Paris-St-G.) and Jean Castaneda (St. Etienne). Backs: Manuel Amoros (Monaco), Maxime Bossis (Nantes), Gerard Janvion (St. Etienne), Christian Lopez (St. Etienne), Marius Tresor (Bordeaux).

Midfielders: Bernard Genghini (Sochaux), Alain Giresse (Bordeaux), Jean-Francois Larios (St. Etienne), Michel Platini (St. Etienne), Jean Tigana (Bordeaux). Forwards: Daniel Bravo (Nice), Bernard Lacombe (Bordeaux), Dominique Rocheteau (Paris St. G.), Didier Six (V.F.B. Stuttgart), Gerard Soler (Bordeaux) and Jacques Zimako (Sochaux).

## Darlington faces financial ruin

DARLINGTON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — English Fourth Division club Darlington, on the brink of financial ruin with 95,000 pounds of debt, could be better off playing behind closed doors every Saturday, the club's financial director told a public meeting here Tuesday.

He told a near-capacity thousand-strong audience that the club expected to lose another 59,000 pounds if it survived until the end of the season.

With only four weeks of a 50,000 pounds fund raising campaign left, the struggling club has raised only 10,000 pounds. The meeting heard a rallying call by a member of England's 1966 World Cup winning team, Bobby Charlton, who made a 250-mile round trip to his home region to back the club's campaign.

He said: "I am proud to be a 'Geordie' (north easterner) and it would hurt to see Darlington die. There's a lot of blood and sweat gone into this club and I hope they survive to get the success their fans deserve."

## Edmondson, Gottfried fall at the first hurdle

LA QUINTA, California Feb. 17 (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl extended his winning streak to 41 consecutive matches with a 6-1, 6-3 victory Tuesday over Scott Davis in the first round of the \$200,000 Congoleum Classic Men's Tennis Tournament.

Lendl, a 21-year-old from Czechoslovakia who has won nine tournaments in a row, breezed through his opening match, overwhelming the unseeded Davis.

Second-seeded Eliot Teltscher also had an easy time in his first match, taking a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Bruce Nichols in the competition at the La Quinta Hotel Tennis Club.

Two of the tournament's top seeds, however, fell in their first-round matches. Victor Amaya upset No. 5 Brian Gottfried 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, and Australian Phil Dent downed sixth-seeded Mark Edmondson 6-2, 6-2.

In other play Tuesday, third-seeded Roscoe Tanner beat Jimmy Brown 7-5, 6-3. No. 8 Eddie Dibbs topped Steve Kruevitz 6-1, 7-5. No. 9 Hank Pfister rallied for a 7-5, 6-7, 6-2 triumph over Nick Saviano and tenth-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia defeated Peter Fleming 7-6, 7-5.

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Mark Edmondson...makes early exit

## McEnroe heads ATP standings

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AFP) — United States tennis player John McEnroe, who last week hoisted himself to the head of the 1982 Grand Prix standings, has now also been ranked No. 1 in the latest standings published by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

The Association's computer analyzed the results of the last twelve months and put McEnroe ahead with an average of 103.50 points, 20.30 points better than the runner-up, compatriot Jimmy Connors. Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl is ranked third, with 78.63 points.

South Korea wins

South Korea took a 2-0 winning lead over Malaysia in a quarterfinal match of the 10-nation \$25,108 Asian Nations Cup Tennis Championships at the National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur Wednesday. Jeon Young Dae took the first match, beating S. Selvarajoo 6-2, 6-1. In the second match, Kim Choon Ho defeated Rudy Foo 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

## China creates problem over flag and anthem

PEKING, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — A new problem arose Wednesday over China's participation in the Women's World Softball Championship in Taipei in July when a Chinese sports official said here that the Taiwanese flag and national anthem would not be acceptable to Peking.

An official from the Chinese Sports and Physical Culture Commission said that China intended to compete, but added that the Taiwanese flag and anthem would be unacceptable. She said that when China joined the International Softball Federation (ISF) last May, it was decided that the Taiwan Softball Association would be renamed the China-Taipei Softball Association and that it would also change its flag and anthem. The official said she did not know which flag or anthem would be used at the tournament.

Don Porter, American secretary-general of the ISF, announced in Taipei Tuesday that the Chinese-Taipei Association would invite a Chinese team to compete in the championship, from July 2 to 11. Earlier there had been speculation that Taiwan might forfeit the event rather than invite a Chinese team to Taiwan for the first time since 1949. Porter added that under ISF rules only the host country could fly its national flag and play its national anthem at opening and closing ceremonies.

Meanwhile, government officials remained silent Wednesday on Taiwan's decision to officially invite mainland Chinese athletes to compete against Taiwan. Foreign ministry spokesman Liu Tsai-jin said Wednesday that visa requisition for participating teams must be made in accordance with the government's rules and regulations.

In reply to a question as to whether a mainland Chinese women's squad would be permitted to enter Taiwan to compete in the

Softball Championships, Liu merely replied: "Applications for visas or entry permits for athletes and delegations must be processed through normal procedures." He did not elaborate.

Normal procedures for entry permits or visas to Taiwan by applicants abroad are to submit the applications through Nationalist Chinese embassies or countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan, or to the Nationalist Chinese missions in a third country in case there are no official ties. Despite the continuing silence, news media in Taipei Wednesday played up Taiwan's resolution to host the world tournament.

Government officials, as usual, declined comment. But some sports officials lauded the decision as a great opportunity for Taiwan athletes to acquire softball skills from other participating teams such as the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

Tseng En-Chiang, secretary-general of the Nationalist Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, said he was pleased to learn of the Softball Association's resolution to host the World Women's Softball matches, which will cost the tournament sponsors an estimated \$263,200. He urged the committee to double its efforts to further promote softball.

At a news conference before his return to the United States Tuesday, Porter announced that Taiwan decided to sponsor the 5th World Games and formal invitations would be forwarded to all 46 ISF member.

## Dhahran, Jeddah set for key tie

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — All eyes will be on the Jeddah-Dhahran RFC tussle Friday when three matches will be played in what almost amounts to a mini-rugby festival.

The air is charged with excitement in the Eastern Province as Dhahran prepares to entertain Jeddah in what promises to be the match of the season for the Saudia rugby. With both sides going all out, Jeddah will have a real chance to gauge its true level, since Dhahran compete regularly in the Gulf League. So far this season Dhahran has been reasonably successful losing four games and winning six in the league and so it is sitting in the top half with two games remaining.

Jeddah has built up a reputation for itself by coming through the last couple of seasons without a defeat but its opposition has been of a varied nature consisting of other local clubs and visiting teams.

The acid test will be Friday. When the two teams met earlier this season Jeddah

emerged victorious by 35-3 but Dhahran was weakened on that occasion by the fact that a number of its first team squad were away in Dubai for the 7-A-Side Tournament. This time, however, both sides are at full strength and taking the match seriously.

The Dhahran second XV entertains Jubail at Dhahran immediately following the first team match and Al-Khobar Eagles is at home to Udhailayah in the afternoon.

Udhailayah has arranged to travel to its fixture via Dhahran where it will no doubt be cheering on its coach Harry Beatty, who plays on the Dhahran wing. Kick off is at 10.30 Friday and the teams are:

Dhahran: C. Reardon, Kilgallon, Sullivan, Stevens, Beatty, Hunter, Lindon, C.Hopkins, R.Hopkins, Taggart, Rositter, Mullis, Brooks, Morgan, Burnett.

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## Soccer briefs

LISBON, (AFP) — Brazil will spend an estimated 500 million cruzeiros (\$4 million) on preparing its football team for this summer's World Cup in Spain, Medrano Dias, head of the Brazilian Football Confederation, said here Wednesday. He and team manager Tele Santana are visiting Portugal to find lodgings for the team in Portugal, where the players will stay from May 30 to June 7 for a training program.

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, (AFP) — IFK Gothenburg may report Kuwait's national football team to the International Football Federation for breach of an agreement to host friendly matches with the Swedish First Division club on February 22 and 24. The Kuwaiti football authorities have called off the fixtures because they have arranged a match with a Brazilian selection, which they believe will give their players better practice for the World Cup in June. However, the Swedish club say their men also need match practice, to build up their form before their UEFA Cup quarter-final meeting with Spanish team FC Valencia on March 3.

LONDON, Chris Garland and Geoff Mer-

rick, two of the eight Bristol City players who, last week accepted redundancy terms to save the club from extinction, are ready to sign for Hong Kong club, "Carolina Hills". Of the other six, Trevor Tainton has joined Torquay United on a monthly contract.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — West German coach Hennes Weisweiler has been sacked by New York Cosmos Association Football team, club spokesman Marc Brickley said here Tuesday. "Hennes Weisweiler will not return in 1982 as coach. There is a divergence of views as far as the immediate future of the Cosmos is concerned," he said.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Former local league champions South China have terminated the contract of its West German coach Manfred Hoener after a humiliating 2-0 nightmare at the hands of up-and-coming Bulova Tuesday. Bulova, boosted considerably by the presence of English Manchester City stars Tommy Hutchison and Phil Boyer, clinched the match through its German striker Werner Reich, who scored the two goals in the eighth and 60th minutes.

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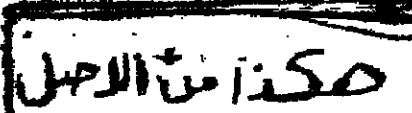
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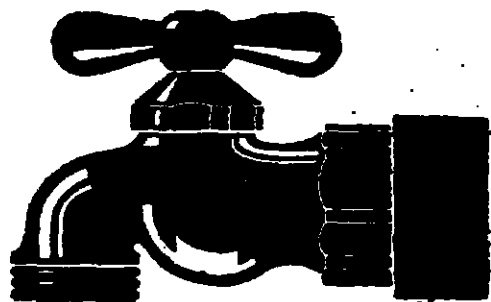
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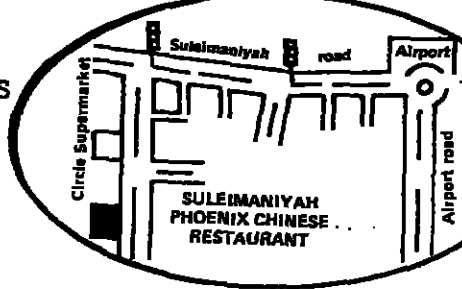
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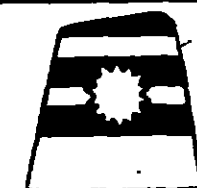
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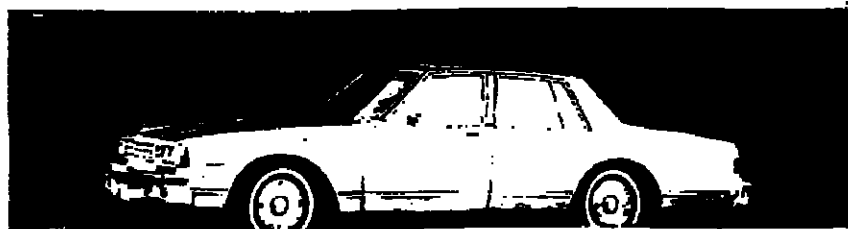
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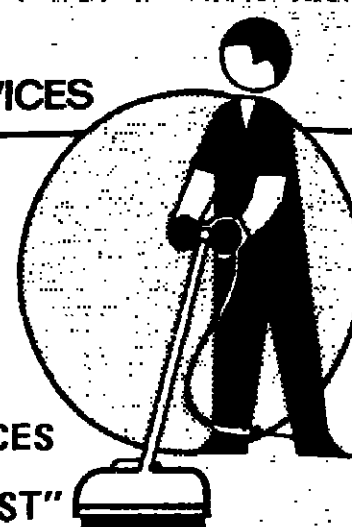
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### 2 civil guards shot dead

## Basque terror 'upsetting' Spain

MADRID, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Government officials Wednesday said Basque separatists had killed two civil guards in an attempt to destabilize Spain just before the trial of 32 officers charged with involvement in an abortive military coup a year ago.

The two paramilitary guards were shot dead within hours of each other Tuesday night in the Basque region of north Spain. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo and Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson attended their funeral in San Sebastian Wednesday.

No one has claimed responsibility for the killings, but police said in a statement that the hard line military wing of the separatist group ETA (ETA-M) was responsible. The Basque regional government denounced the murders as "a shameful act... by those who clearly want to sink the democratic process in its most delicate moments."

On Friday 32 military officers — mostly civil guards — and one civilian go on trial accused of taking part in the rightist coup attempt last Feb. 23. One reason frequently cited for the coup bid was anger among the military over uncontrolled separatist violence.

Spanish authorities, who fear a new terror campaign by ETA-M during the trial, are also faced with the possibility of violence from ETA's more moderate political-military wing (ETA-PM) which declared a truce just after the failed coup.

The San Sebastian newspaper *El Diario Vasco* reported Wednesday that a weekend meeting of ETA-PM voted in favor of returning to armed struggle.

Well-informed Basque sources said the report should be taken with some seriousness. An Interior Ministry spokesman said ETA-PM had been holding meetings over the past weeks on whether to take up arms again, but he did not know whether a decision had been taken. Police have stepped up their presence throughout the Basque region for the start of the trial.

Spanish authorities, anxious to reassure the military over fears that the atmosphere will affect the court martial, are playing down the killings, notably asking the press to refrain from sensationalism.

Police fear the extreme right, which is demanding the acquittal of the 33, will use Tuesday's murders as an excuse for further violence during the trial.

Police fear that kidnapping attempts may be made on lawyers and witnesses involved in the trial, or on the 17 judges themselves: 13 army generals and three vice admirals, chaired by Lt. Gen. Luis Alvarez Rodriguez.

Special surveillance of known right-wing extremists was ordered several weeks ago, leading to the arrest early this month of Jose Antonio Asiego, chairman of the Neo-Fascist Union. Several weapons were seized at his home.

Operations have also been stepped up against other extremists. In Bilbao, police reported the arrest Wednesday of five suspected commandos of ETA's military wing and the capture of large quantities of arms and explosives.

Police said the five were thought to belong to the organization's "Belitza" commando, suspected of the murder of a civil guard on Oct. 17 and of a series of bombings. The arrest was not thought to be linked with Tuesday's murders.

Some observers say that the 25 defense

lawyers might use the new murders to support the defense case that the officers organized the putsch to save Spain from terrorism and eventual collapse.

Meanwhile 200 men, including special forces, military police and civil guards, are mounting a round-the-clock watch on the army ordnance center where the court martial is to be held, some 10 kms from central Madrid.

The trial opens at 0900 GMT Friday, in a hangar specially converted for the occasion. The 33 defendants were taken to a nearby "residence" last week, where they are allowed any visitors except journalists.

The accused, led by Gen. Jaime Milans Del Bosch and Alfonso Armada, and including

## Bomb wrecks Berlin bank

BERLIN, Feb. 17 (AP) — Unknown attackers hurled a firebomb into a bank causing at least half a million marks (\$250,000) in damage in a night of widespread rioting in which 38 persons were arrested, police said Wednesday.

The violence in three city districts was the first major eruption of street fighting in West Berlin this year. Last year, overnight riots by squatters occupying some 140 houses in the city became almost a daily occurrence for several months.

Police said a firebomb attack late Tuesday on a branch of the trade-union owned bank Fier Gemeinwirtschaft (bank for social economy) in the Spandau district destroyed much of the building and caused at least half a million marks (\$250,000) in damage.

Windows in the bank blew out after residents reported hearing an explosion, police said. No injuries were reported.

The firebomb attack came after fighting between police and youths who tried to occupy an empty building in the nearby Schoenberg district, police said.

In the American sector district of Kreuzberg, the center of the squatters' movement, police reported windows broken in at least 2 cooperative shops, a bank and a police hostel. Police said windows were all broken and several rooms set on fire at the office of a government housing center. A firebomb attack was suspected.

Thirty-eight persons were arrested in street battles between police and youths, police said.

## Jakarta uncovers Soviet espionage

JAKARTA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — A Soviet espionage ring recently tried to get information about the strategic sea lanes around the disputed Vietnamese-claimed Natuna Islands group in the South China Sea, it was reported Wednesday.

Indonesian intelligence officers seized film of maritime charts from Soviet assistant military attaché Lt. Col. Sergei Egorov who was expelled on spying charges last week. The charts were of Indonesian seas including the strategic lanes around the Natuna Islands and in east Indonesia, the weekly newsmagazine *Tempo* reported.

two majors, 13 captains, eight lieutenants and one civilian, face sentences from one to 30 years. The prosecution has demanded 30 years for Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, who led the seizure of parliament in full session. Spaniards saw the episode live on television.

Unless the defense manages to reopen the investigation on some technical pretext, the trial is expected to run 35 days, sitting each day except Thursday and Sunday. Meanwhile, observers await with interest a speech by King Juan Carlos, whose stand played a key part in the failure of the coup, at a ceremony on Saturday for the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Military Academy at Saragossa, training ground of all the country's officer corps.



NEW AIRBUS: This new Airbus 320, presented at Toulouse, France, is the A300's smaller partner and the first addition to Airbus Industries' expanding family of aircraft. Designed for short to medium-range operation, it carries 210 to 280 passengers. In the foreground is part of the cabin of a A320 which is now under construction.

## Yugoslavia pleads for end to confrontation at Madrid

MADRID, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) which met again Wednesday in a plenary session heard an impassioned plea from Yugoslavia that it should not be turned into "an arena of confrontation."

The call followed Tuesday's bitter exchanges between Americans and Soviets over the use and production of bacteriological and chemical arms. It was delivered before the 35-nation meeting by Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Ignac Golub, speaking for the group of neutral and nonaligned nations.

Golub began by acknowledging that there had been reason to raise the Polish issue in the current session, but that "it would be wrong to allow one crisis, any one crisis, to block the process of the CSCE, the only existing mechanism of détente in Europe."

"The process of relaxation must not become an instrument of tension," he added. "Confrontation and ideological and bloc rivalries," he insisted, "are neither the instruments nor the methods to resolve crises or to secure respect for fundamental freedoms."

The most important proposal before the conference, Golub declared, was for a pan-

### Voters disenchant

## Irish election outcome said hanging in balance

DUBLIN, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — A television debate between Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald and opposition leader Charles Haughey left outcome of Thursday's Irish general election very much in the balance.

The republic's second general election in eight months takes place in an atmosphere of economic gloom and widespread disenchantment with the major political parties.

One opinion poll conducted after Tuesday night's debate showed honors fairly even as the two leading political figures sought last-minute votes to tip the result of what has from the outset shaped up as a close contest.

The poll by the Irish independent newspaper favored Haughey as the better debater but indicated that Fitzgerald had come across as more credible and stronger in leadership qualities. It was hard to gauge what effect the television showdown might have on the election because press reports suggested that nearly half the two million eligible voters had ignored it.

This reflected a finding of earlier opinion polls that more than half the electorate believe little or nothing of what any of the parties say. An opinion poll last weekend gave Haughey's Fianna Fail party, the biggest in the republic, a five percent edge over the ruling two-party coalition led by Fitzgerald.

The poll indicated that promises by Haughey to hold down taxes on food and clothes in the next budget had swung voters behind Fianna Fail, which has held power for 20 of the past 25 years.

Fitzgerald's government fell last month trying to impose tough budget measures which he deemed necessary to save the nation from going bankrupt. The coalition between his Fine Gael Party and the smaller Labor Party was defeated in parliament by just one vote.

Haughey, who succeeded Jack Lynch as prime minister in 1979 and was ousted at the last election, lags so far behind Fitzgerald in personal popularity that he has dropped off the campaign trail in the past week.

The "Irish problem" — of British-administered Northern Ireland where nationalist militants are fighting the British military presence — had meanwhile made little impact on a campaign marked by economic worries.

The republic has unemployment running at 13 percent and inflation at 23 percent, together with a considerable budget and balance of payments deficit.

The chances of Provisional Sinn Fein, political wing of the Provisional IRA (Irish Republican Army) which is waging its own bitter fight against the British in the north, were thought to have greatly diminished in the campaign.

So apparently had those of former militant British MP Mrs. Bernadette Devlin-McAliskey, now 35 and married with three children, representing the small People's Democracy Party in a working class north Dublin constituency.

The apparent closeness of a dull campaign, which rapidly became a personal duel between Fitzgerald and Haughey as they crisscrossed this largely agricultural nation of the three million people, was underlined by opinion polls.

## Probe launched into rig disaster

OTTAWA, Feb. 17 (AP) — Canada has launched two separate investigations into the sinking of the world's biggest oil rig, Canadian Supreme Court Justice T.A. Hickman will lead the federal inquiry, while a Newfoundland Royal Commission conducts its own probe into the North Atlantic disaster Monday in which 84 men were feared dead. The \$120 million Ocean Ranger capsized in a storm 210 miles east of Newfoundland.

Hickman was assigned the task by Energy Minister Marc Lalonde, who said Tuesday it will be up to the justice to determine whether the disaster is the result of criminal negligence. Lalonde said he was willing to explore the possibility of U.S. involvement in the inquiry but ruled out the possibility of one joint international inquiry since Newfoundland wants to proceed with its own probe.

The Ocean Ranger was leased to Mobil Oil Canada Ltd. by a Louisiana company. The rig's owners, Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co. of New Orleans, Louisiana, said in a brief statement issued Tuesday in St. John's, Newfoundland, that it would cooperate in whatever investigations are held.

### Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

When I wrote once that in Washington there are hotels for cats, many of you probably disbelieved me. Well, sir, I just read of a new hotel opening up somewhere in the United States — catering exclusively for fish.

Yes, that's what I said, fish. No need to worry now about your goldfish when you go for a holiday. No weepy farewells as you flush the little fellow down the loo before leaving. Just check it into the Fish Hotel where, for \$5 a week, it can enjoy its "room" (this being a container of 10-gallon capacity). Or, if you feel like spending more, it can enjoy the freedom of a "first class" chamber — a container of 50-gallon capacity.

Nor is entry restricted to goldfish. Your pet shark or whale too can take up residence in "super deluxe tanks," at \$60 a week each. Nor is this all on the pet craze front.

That august publication, the *Chemical and Engineering News*, reports that an Italian company has just come up with a dog-washing machine, which it intends to market on a mass scale.

The principle employed is that of the car wash. In other words, you put your dog in the machine, with its head sticking out, and certain brushes are activated and soaps applied, then a switch is thrown to let out a stream of hot air to dry the dog and out it comes shining. The only snag is you still have to shampoo the head yourself — but they're working on it...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

## Angola, Senegal establish links

LISBON, Feb. 17 (R) — Angola Wednesday announced it had established diplomatic relations with Senegal, a country that had refused to recognize the Marxist Luanda government because of the presence of Cuban troops there.

The long-awaited announcement, carried by the official news agency Angop, represents a diplomatic breakthrough for Angola since Senegal is the last black African country where the main Angolan rebel group, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), has an official mission.

The communiqué did not mention the UNITA office in Senegal, but pledged that the two countries would not interfere in each other's internal affairs.

Angola, a former Portuguese colony, had been hoping for a reversal of Senegal's policy ever since Leopold Senghor stepped down as president of Senegal. President Senghor had refused to recognize Angola as long as the Cuban troops which helped bring the ruling Marxist MPLA Workers Party to power stayed in the country.

Angola has said the Cuban troops will stay until the neighboring South African-administered territory of Namibia (Southwest Africa) becomes independent. South African troops have frequently raided Angola to destroy bases within its borders belonging to guerrillas of the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO).

The first step toward reconciliation between Angola and Senegal was taken last November when President Aristides Pereira of Cape Verde arranged a one-day meeting in his country between President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola and President Abou Diouf of Senegal.

This was followed by a trip to Senegal by Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge. The establishment of diplomatic relations with Senegal is not just a propaganda victory for Angola.

It increases UNITA's isolation in black Africa and strengthens the government's hand in the Organization of African Unity. It also endorses President Dos Santos's drive to improve relations with those African states that have strong reservations about Angola's Marxist government and its military ties with the Soviet bloc.

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